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# **bossdata Documentation**

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A python package for working with [spectroscopic data](#) from the [Sloan Digital Sky Survey](#). Bossdata is free software (MIT license) [hosted on github](#) and released via [pypi](#).



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## Installation

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To install, use the command line:

```
% pip install bosssdata
```

To upgrade to the latest version:

```
% pip install bosssdata --upgrade
```

### 1.1 Requirements

The following additional packages are used by bosssdata and will be installed automatically by pip, if necessary:

- requests
- progressbar
- astropy
- fitsio
- numpy

### 1.2 Optional Dependencies

The following packages are optional and enable additional functionality. They will not be automatically installed by pip, but will be used when available.

- matplotlib (used by the bosssdata.plot module and bossplot script)

### 1.3 Quick Demonstration

If you have `matplotlib` installed, you can quickly test that everything is working with:

```
bossplot
```

This should download a small data file for a single spectrum and plot the data in a window. Close the plot window to exit. For more information on `bossplot` and other available command-line scripts, see [Executable scripts](#).



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## Overview of SDSS Spectroscopic Data

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This package is primarily intended for working with data from the [SDSS-III BOSS survey](#), but can also be used to access older data from SDSS-I/II and newer data from the [SEQUELS ancillary program](#) and the [SDSS-IV eBOSS survey](#) (see [Configuration](#) for details).

BOSS data consists of [spectroscopic observations](#) of astrophysical [targets](#). An observation is identified by a triplet of numbers (PLATE,MJD,FIBER). Most BOSS targets only have a single observation. Each observation consists of several 15-minute exposures using red and blue cameras with overlapping wavelength coverage that are combined to give a single co-added spectrum.

The table below summarizes the different files produced by the [spectroscopic pipeline](#) containing the individual and combined exposures contributing to each observation. Files contain from 1 to 1000 spectra, with some duplication between files. Each file provides wavelength, flux, inverse variance, [mask bits](#) and subtracted sky for each of its spectra.

Type	Size	#Tgts	#Exp	Coadd?	Calib?	Datamodel	Bosssdata Class
lite	0.2Mb	1	0	Y	Y	lite	<a href="#">bosssdata.spec.SpecFile</a>
spec	1.7Mb	1	ALL	Y	Y	spec	<a href="#">bosssdata.spec.SpecFile</a>
plate	110Mb	1000	0	Y	Y	plate	<a href="#">bosssdata.plate.PlateFile</a>
cframe	75Mb	500	1	N	Y	cframe	<a href="#">bosssdata.plate.FrameFile</a>
frame	30Mb	500	1	N	N	frame	<a href="#">bosssdata.plate.FrameFile</a>

The following examples show how the same combined spectrum can be *plotted* from lite files and plate files:

```
bossplot --plate 6641 --mjd 56383 --fiber 30
bossplot --plate 6641 --mjd 56383 --fiber 30 --platefile
```

Individual exposures can also be plotted using either spec files, cframe files or frame files:

```
bossplot --plate 6641 --mjd 56383 --fiber 30 --exposure 0
bossplot --plate 6641 --mjd 56383 --fiber 30 --exposure 2 --cframe
bossplot --plate 6641 --mjd 56383 --fiber 30 --exposure 2 --frame
```

Note that the indexing of exposures is different for spec files, which only index exposures used in the final coadd, and (c)frame files which index all available exposures. The indices used in the example all refer to exposure number 00158842, which can be verified by adding the `--verbose` option to these commands. The difference between the cframe and frame files is that the frame gives fluxes in units of flat-fielded detected electrons, before the step of calibrating fluxes using standard stars.



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## Executable scripts

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For complete documentation on the command-line options of any script use the *-help* option, for example:

```
bossquery --help
```

You will normally want to configure `bossdata` by setting some [environment variables](#).

### 3.1 bossquery

Query the meta data for BOSS observations. For example:

```
bossquery --what PLATE,MJD,FIBER,PLUG_RA,PLUG_DEC,Z --where 'OBJTYPE="QSO"' --sort Z --save qso.dat
```

The *-save* option supports [many different output formats](#) that are automatically selected based on the file extension. In addition, this program automatically maps the *.dat* and *.txt* extensions to the *ascii* format.

The *-what*, *-where* and *-sort* options all use SQL syntax (these are in fact substituted into a SQL string).

- *-what* takes a comma separated list of column names (like SQL SELECT) and defaults to PLATE,MJD,FIBER:

```
--what PLATE,MJD,FIBER,PLUG_RA,PLUG_DEC,Z
```

- *-where* takes a SQL ‘WHERE’ string:

```
--where ' (OBJTYPE="QSO" and Z > 0.1) or CLASS="QSO" '
```

- *-sort* takes a list of columns with optional DESC keyword following columns to reverse their order (a la SQL ORDER BY):

```
--sort 'CLASS, Z DESC'
```

This command uses an sqlite3 database of metadata that will be created if necessary. By default, the “lite” version database will be used, which provides faster queries and a smaller database file. However, the full [spAll data model](#) is also available with the *-full* option (resulting in slower queries and a larger database file). The “lite” and “full” databases are separate files based on different downloads. Once either has been created the first time, it will be immediately available for future queries. Note that it can take a while to create the initial database file: allow about 30 minutes for either version. Once the database has been created, you can safely delete the downloaded source file if you are short on disk space.

The columns in the lite database are a subset of those in the full database but the values are not numerically identical between them because they are truncated in the text file used to generate the lite database. However, the level of these truncation errors should be insignificant for any science applications.

There are some minor inconsistencies between the data models of the lite and full versions of the meta data provided by BOSS. In particular, the lite format uses the name *FIBER* while the full version uses *FIBERID*. We resolve this by consistently using the shorter form *FIBER* in both SQL databases. Also, the full format includes columns that are themselves arrays. One of these, *MODELFUX(5)*, is included in the lite format using names *MODELFLUX0...MODELFLUX4*. We normalize the mapping of array columns to scalar SQL columns using the syntax *COLNAME\_I* for element [i] of a 1D array and *COLNAME\_I\_J* for element [i,j] of a 2D array, with indices starting from zero. This means, for example, that *MODELFLUX(5)* values are consistently named *MODELFLUX\_0...MODELFLUX\_4* in both SQL databases.

In the case where a query is made without specifying *-full* but the lite database file is not present, an attempt will be made to use the full database. If neither DB files are present the same logic is applied to the catalog files. If present, the lite catalog file will be parsed and the lite DB created; if that is not present, the full catalog file will be parsed and the full DB created. Only after exhausting these options will a download (of the lite DB) file be attempted.

Note that specifying *-full* will only (and always) use the full DB or catalog file.

The *-quasar-catalog* option can be used to query the [BOSS quasar catalog](#) instead of spAll. By default, the current version of the catalog will be used; use the *-quasar-catalog-name* option to specify an earlier version.

The *--platelist* option can be used to query the [BOSS plate list database](#) instead of spAll.

## 3.2 bossfetch

Fetch BOSS data files containing the spectra of specified observations and mirror them locally. For example:

```
bossfetch --verbose qso.dat
```

Fetches files will be placed under *\$BOSS\_LOCAL\_ROOT* with paths that exactly match the URLs they are downloaded from with the prefix substitution:

```
$BOSS_DATA_URL => $BOSS_LOCAL_ROOT
```

For example, with the default configuration given above, the file at:

```
http://dr12.sdss3.org/sas/dr12/boss/spectro/redux/v5_7_0/spectra/lite/3586/spec-3586-55181-0190.fits
```

would be downloaded to:

```
$BOSS_LOCAL_ROOT/sas/dr12/boss/spectro/redux/v5_7_0/spectra/lite/3586/spec-3586-55181-0190.fits
```

By default, the “lite” format of each spectrum data file is downloaded, which is sufficient for many purposes and significantly (about 8x) smaller. The “lite” format contains HDUs 0-3 of the [full spectrum data file](#) and does not include the spectra of individual exposures. To download the full files instead, use the *--full* option. Both types of files can co-exist in your local mirror. You can also load the plate spFrame or flux-calibrated spCFrame files using the *--frame* or *--cframe* options, respectively. These files contain a half plate of spectra for a single band (blue/red) and exposure. Finally, you can load the spPlate files containing combined spectra for a whole plate using the *--platefile* option. See the [Overview of SDSS Spectroscopic Data](#) for details.

The *--verbose* option displays a progress bar showing the fraction of files already locally available. Any files that were previously fetched will not be downloaded again so it is safe and efficient to run *bossfetch* for overlapping lists of observations. Note that the progress bar may appear to update unevenly if some files are already mirrored and others need to be downloaded.

Each data file download is streamed to a temporary files with *.downloading* appended to their name then renamed to remove this extension after the download completes normally. If a download is interrupted or fails for some reason, the partially downloaded file will remain in the local mirror. Re-running a *bossfetch* command will automatically re-download any partially downloaded file.

By default, downloading is split between two parallel subprocesses but you can change this with the `--nproc` option. For downloading “lite” files, using more than 2 subprocesses will probably not improve the overall performance.

If you want to transfer large amounts of files, you should consider using [globus](#). To prepare a *globus* bulk data transfer file list, use the `-globus` option to specify the remote/local endpoint pair *remote#endpoint:local#endpoint*. Note that the `-save` option must also be used to specify an output filename. SDSS endpoints are documented at [here](#).

For example, to transfer files from *lbnl#sdss3* to *local#endpoint*:

```
bossfetch qso.dat --globus lbnl#sdss3:username#endpoint --save globus-xfer.dat
ssh username@cli.globusonline.org transfer -s 1 < globus-xfer.dat
```

### 3.3 bossplot

Plot the spectrum of a single BOSS observation, identified by its PLATE, MJD of the observation, and the FIBER that was assigned to the target whose spectrum you want to plot. For example (these are the defaults if you omit any parameters):

```
bossplot --plate 6641 --mjd 56383 --fiber 30
```

This should open a new window containing the plot that you will need to close in order to exit the program. To also save your plot, add the `--save-plot` option with a filename that has a standard graphics format extension (pdf,png,...). If you omit the filename, `--save-plot` uses the name `bossplot-{plate}-{mjd}-{fiber}.png`. To save plots directly without displaying them, also use the `--no-display` option.

You can also save the data shown in a plot using `--save-data` with an optional filename (the default is `bossplot-{plate}-{mjd}-{fiber}.dat`). Data is saved using the [ascii.basic](#) format and only wavelengths with valid data are included in the output.

Use `--wlen-range [MIN:MAX]` to specify a wavelength range over which to plot (x-axis), overriding the default, auto-detected range. Similarly, `--flux-range [MIN:MAX]` and `--wdisp-range [MIN:MAX]` work for the flux (left y-axis) and dispersion (right y-axis). MIN and MAX can be either blank (which means use the default value), an absolute value (1000), or a percentage (10%), and percentages and absolute values may be mixed. Working examples:

```
--wlen-range [:7500]
--wlen-range [10%:90%]
--wlen-range [10%:8000]
```

Note that a percentage value between 0-100% is interpreted as a percentile for vertical (flux, wdisp) axes. In all other cases, percentage values specify a limit value equal to a fraction of the full range `[lo:hi]`:

```
limit = lo + fraction*(hi - lo)
```

and can be `<0%` or `>100%` to include padding. Another visual option `--scatter` will give a scatter plot of the flux rather than the flux 1-sigma error band.

Plots include a label `PLATE-MJD-FIBER` by default (or `PLATE-MJD-FIBER-EXPID` for a single exposure). Add the option `--label-pos <VALIGN>-<HALIGN>` option to change its position, with `<VALIGN>` = top, center, bottom and `<HALIGN>` = left, center, right. Use `--label-pos none` to remove the label. Use `--no-grid` to remove the default wavelength grid lines.

Several options are available to see data beyond just object flux. Use `--show-sky` to show the subtracted sky (modeled) flux, `--add-sky` to show the total of object flux and modeled sky flux, `--show-mask` to show grayed regions where data has been masked out because it is deemed invalid, and `--show-dispersion` to show wavelength dispersion.

You will sometimes want to see data that would normally be masked as invalid. To include pixels with a particular `mask bit` set, use the `--allow-mask` option, e.g.:

```
bossplot --allow-mask 'BRIGHTSKY|SCATTEREDLIGHT'
```

Note that multiple flags can be combined using the logical-or symbol `|`, but this requires quoting as shown above. To show all data, including any invalid pixels, use the `--show-invalid` option.

The `bossplot` command will automatically download the appropriate data file if necessary. This is ‘conservative’: if an existing local file can be used to satisfy a request, no new files will be downloaded.

Spectra can be plotted from different data files. By default the `spec-lite` data file is used for a `coadd` or the `spec` file for an individual exposure. Use the `--frame` or `--cframe` options to plot a single-exposure spectrum from a `plate spFrame` file or its flux-calibrated equivalent `spCFrame` file. Use the `--platefile` option to plot the combined spectrum from an `spPlate` file. See the [Overview of SDSS Spectroscopic Data](#) for details.

To plot a single exposure, use the `--exposure` option to specify the sequence number (0,1,...) of the desired exposure. You can also set the `--band` option either `blue` or `red` to plot a single camera’s data, or `both` to superimpose the overlapping data from both cameras. Note that when displaying data from a co-added data product (`spec`, `speclite`, `spPlate`), the exposure sequence number only indexes exposures that were actually used in the final co-added spectrum. However, the `spFrame` and `spCFrame` data products include all exposures used as input to the co-add (based on a `bossdata.plate.Plan`) so, in cases where not all exposures are used, the `--exposure` option indexes a larger list of science exposures. Use the `--verbose` option to display information about the available exposures in either case.

This script uses the `matplotlib` python library, which is not required for the `bossdata` package and therefore not automatically installed, but is included in scientific python distributions like `anaconda`.

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## Configuration

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You will normally want to establish your local configuration and specify which remote data you want to work with using some environment variables:

- **BOSS\_LOCAL\_ROOT**: The top-level directory where all downloaded data files will be locally mirrored. Make sure there is enough space here for the files you plan to use locally. You might want to exclude this directory from your backups since it can get large and is already backed up remotely.
- **BOSS\_DATA\_URL**: The top-level URL for downloading data, possibly including account information for accessing proprietary data.
- **BOSS\_SAS\_PATH**: The top-level path of the data you want to work with, which will normally begin with “/sas”.
- **BOSS\_REDUX\_VERSION**: The pipeline reconstruction version that you want to work with.

If any of these variables is not specified, defaults appropriate for access the public [Data Release 12](#) will be used and any downloaded data will be saved to a temporary local directory. At a minimum, you should normally specify a permanent location for storing local data by setting the **BOSS\_LOCAL\_ROOT** environment variable.

The default settings of the other environment variables are equivalent to (in bash):

```
export BOSS_DATA_URL=http://dr12.sdss3.org
export BOSS_SAS_PATH=/sas/dr12/booss
export BOSS_REDUX_VERSION=v5_7_0
```

However these variables are set, the following unix shell command should always print a valid URL that displays a directory listing in any browser:

```
echo $BOSS_DATA_URL/$BOSS_SAS_PATH/booss/spectro/redux/$BOSS_REDUX_VERSION/
```

The sections below describe how to access sources of data other than the default public DR12 release.

### 4.1 SEQUELS Data

Quoting from [here](#):

For BOSS, the main galaxy clustering survey is entirely contained in v5\_7\_0. After the main survey was finished, ancillary programs continued — these were processed as v5\_7\_2, which is the same code but a different processing version number to keep the datasets distinct. The SEQUELS ancillary program has plates in both v5\_7\_0 and v5\_7\_2.

To access [SEQUELS](#) data processed as v5\_7\_2, use:

```
export BOSS_SAS_PATH=/sas/dr12/boss
export BOSS_REDUX_VERSION=v5_7_2
export BOSS_DATA_URL=http://dr12.sdss3.org
```

## 4.2 SDSS-I/II Spectra

Some spectra from plates 0266 - 3006 are included in the public DR12 release and available under pipeline reduction versions 26, 103 and 104. To access version 26, for example, use:

```
export BOSS_SAS_PATH=/sas/dr12/sdss
export BOSS_REDUX_VERSION=26
export BOSS_DATA_URL=http://dr12.sdss3.org
```

## 4.3 eBOSS Proprietary Data

Proprietary data from the [eBOSS survey](#) is password protected but still accessible via `bossdata`. Contact the authors for details if you are an SDSS-IV collaborator.

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## API Usage

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To use the `bossdata` package in your own python projects, you will normally start with:

```
import bossdata.path
import bossdata.remote

try:
    finder = bossdata.path.Finder()
    mirror = bossdata.remote.Manager()
except ValueError as e:
    print(e)
    return -1
```

This code will use the environment variables `$BOSS_SAS_PATH`, `$BOSS_REDUX_VERSION`, `$BOSS_DATA_URL` and `$BOSS_LOCAL_ROOT` to configure your access to SDSS data files (see [Configuration](#) for details.) The `finder` and `mirror` objects can be used together to access locally mirrored copies of BOSS data files. For example:

```
remote_path = finder.get_spec_path(plate=4567, mdj=55589, fiber=88, lite=True)
local_path = mirror.get(remote_path)
```

Refer to the [API documentation](#) for details on using the `bossdata.path` and `bossdata.remote` modules.

**Certain data files have a helper class for accessing their contents:**

- spec,spec-lite: `bossdata.spec.SpecFile`
- plate: `bossdata.plate.PlateFile`
- plan: `bossdata.plate.Plan`
- frame,cframe: `bossdata.plate.FrameFile`

For example, to open the spec-lite file used in the example above, use:

```
import bossdata.spec

spec = bossdata.spec.SpecFile(local_path)
```

The pattern for accessing large metadata files is somewhat different, and handled by the `bossdata.meta.Database` class.



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### Examples

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The following IPython notebooks demonstrate using the API to work with BOSS data:

- [How to plot the spatial distributions of quasar metadata](#)
- [How to use the speclite package to stack sky and quasar spectra](#)
- [Demonstration of `bossdata.plot` functions](#)



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## Contributing

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Contributions are welcome, and they are greatly appreciated! Every little bit helps, and credit will always be given.

You can contribute in many ways:

### 7.1 Types of Contributions

#### 7.1.1 Report Issues

Report issues on our [issues page](#). First check that if your issue is already addressed. If so, feel free to join its conversation and add any relevant information from your experience. If this is a new issue, click the `New Issue` button to describe it, including:

- The type of data you are trying to access (BOSS, SEQUELS, ...)
- Any details about your local setup that might be helpful in troubleshooting.
- Detailed steps to reproduce the bug.

#### 7.1.2 Propose a New Feature

You can also open a new issue to propose a new feature:

- Explain in detail how it would work.
- Keep the scope as narrow as possible, to make it easier to implement.
- Remember that this is a volunteer-driven project, and that contributions are welcome :)

#### 7.1.3 Work on lusses

Look through the [open issues](#) for areas where we currently need help from developers like you. If you find an issue that you are willing to contribute to, start by joining its conversation and tell us about your ideas.

#### 7.1.4 Write Documentation

bossdata could always use more documentation, whether as part of the official bossdata docs, in docstrings, or even on the web in blog posts, articles, and such.

We use the [sphinx napolean extension](#) and write google-style docstrings. Some helpful tips:

- Use ``text <http://url>`_` to embed external links (don't forget the space!)
- Add `.. _scriptname:` before the heading for new scripts in *bin/scripts.rst*. You can refer to these from other markup as `:ref: `scriptname``.
- Refer to another markup document *docs/otherdoc.rst* as `:doc: `/otherdoc``.
- Add cross references to locally defined API entities using:
  - `classes :class: `bosssdata.module.Class``
  - `methods :meth: `bosssdata.module.Class.method``
  - `functions :func: `bosssdata.module.func``
- You can override the default link text by changing `:role: `target`` to `:role: `text <target>``.

## 7.2 Get Started!

Ready to contribute? Here's how to set up bosssdata for local development.

1. Fork the bosssdata repo on GitHub.
2. Clone your fork locally:

```
git clone git@github.com:your_name_here/bosssdata.git
```

3. Install your local copy for local development:

```
cd bosssdata/  
python setup.py develop --user
```

To later revert back to a system-installed version of the package, un-install your development install using:

```
python setup.py develop --user --uninstall
```

4. Create a branch for local development:

```
git checkout -b '#nnn'  
git push -u origin '#nnn'
```

where *nnn* is the number of the issue you are working on (quotes are required because of the # symbol in the branch name). Now you can make your changes locally.

5. When you're done making changes, check that your changes pass flake8 and the unit tests:

```
flake8 --doctests --exclude bosssdata/bits.py --max-line-length 95 bosssdata  
py.test --doctest-modules --verbose bosssdata
```

Note that *--doctest-modules* will require that all external modules imported from our modules are installed, so omit that option if you only want to run the unit tests. If you don't already have flake8, you can pip install it.

6. Commit your changes and push your branch to GitHub:

```
git add .  
git commit -m "Your detailed description of your changes."  
git push origin '#nnn'
```

7. Submit a [pull request](#).

## 7.3 Pull Request Guidelines

Before you submit a pull request, check that it meets these guidelines:

1. The pull request should include tests, if appropriate.
2. If the pull request adds functionality, the docs should be updated. Put your new functionality into a function with a docstring, and add the feature to the list in HISTORY.rst.
3. The pull request should work for Python 2.6 and 2.7. Check [https://travis-ci.org/dkirkby/bosssdata/pull\\_requests](https://travis-ci.org/dkirkby/bosssdata/pull_requests) and make sure that the tests pass for all supported Python versions.

## 7.4 Version Update Checklist

1. Start a new release candidate branch, e.g:

```
git checkout -b 0.2.1rc
git push -u origin 0.2.1rc
```

2. Update the version in setup.py
3. Update the \_\_version\_\_ in \_\_init\_\_.py
4. Add a brief description of the changes to HISTORY.rst and update the What's New section of DESCRIPTION.rst (which is what pypi will display for this release). You can get a list of merges to master since the last tagged release using:

```
git log --oneline --merges `git describe --tags --abbrev=0`..HEAD
```

5. Push changes to github, which will trigger a Travis integration test of the release-candidate branch.
6. Create a pull request on github for this branch and ask someone else to review it and give feedback.
7. Merge the pull request.
8. Update local master and tag the new version, e.g:

```
git fetch
git checkout master
git pull
git tag 0.2.1
git push --tags
git branch -d 0.2.1rc
```

9. Submit the changes to pypi:

```
python setup.py sdist bdist_wheel upload
```

10. Update the version in setup.py and \_\_version\_\_ in \_\_init\_\_.py to indicate that master is under development, e.g. to 0.2.2dev.
11. Reset the What's New section of DESCRIPTION.rst and add a new entry at the bottom of HISTORY.rst, e.g:

```
0.2.2 (unreleased)
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* No changes yet.
```

12. Update master so that new topic branches will include these changes, e.g:

```
git add setup.py speclite/__init__.py HISTORY.rst DESCRIPTION.rst
git commit -m 'Start development on version 0.2.2'
git push
```

## 7.5 New External Dependency Checklist

These steps are not required for modules that are included with the python standard library.

1. Add to *MOCK\_MODULES* in *docs/conf.py*.
2. Add the actual version being used to *requirements.txt*
3. Add to the *requirements* list in *setup.py*
4. Mention in *docs/installation.rst*

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## History

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### 8.1 0.2.7 (unreleased)

- Fix issues #92 #94 #96 #97 #100
- Add support for reading per-exposure flux calibration and correction vectors.
- Add plot functions for per-fiber data vs fiber number or focal-plane position.
- Add a `plug_map` attribute to `spPlate`, `spFrame`, `spCFrame`.
- `FrameFile` infers the spectrograph index and whether flux calibration has been applied.
- `bossdata` infers MJD when possible.
- `bossplot` option “`–camera`” renamed to “`–band`”.

### 8.2 0.2.6 (2015-08-05)

- Fix issues #67 #74 #86
- The `camera` arg to `SpecFile.get_valid_data` (and related methods) should now be `b1`, `b2`, `r1`, `r2` instead of `blue` or `red`.
- New options for the `get_valid_data` methods: `use_ivar`, `use_loglam`, `fiducial_grid`.

### 8.3 0.2.5 (2015-07-06)

- Fix issues #27 #28 #63 #64 #68
- New command-line options include:
  - `bossplot`: `–platefile`, `–flux-range`, `–wlen-range`, `–wdisp-range`, `–label-pos`, `–no-grid`, `–show-invalid`
  - `bossfetch`: `–platefile`
- Adds support for `spPlate` files and `platelist` metadata.
- Adds command-line options to customize `bossplot` axes, add labels and grids, and display invalid data.
- General documentation cleanup.
- Better error handling in `bossplot`.

## 8.4 0.2.4 (2015-06-29)

- Fix issues #11 #36 #41 #43 #45 #50
- New command-line options include:
- `bossfetch`: `-plate-name`, `-mjd-name`, `-fiber-name`
- `bosscatalog`: `-quasar-catalog`, `-quasar-catalog-name`
- The main new functionality is support for querying the quasar catalog, using different data sources, and built-in defaults for any of the four environment variables that is not set.

## 8.5 0.2.3 (2015-06-22)

- Fix issues #2 #10 #16 #18 #19 #21 #24
- New command-line options include:
- `bossfetch`: `-globus`, `-dry-run`
- `bossplot`: `-save-data`
- `bossquery`: `-sort`
- The main new library functionality is support for using wavelengths and dispersions encoded as “trace sets” in `spFrame` files via `bossdata.plate.TraceSet`.

## 8.6 0.2.2 (2015-06-15)

- Really fix issues #9 #13.
- Add support for finding and fetching `spFrame` and `spCFrame` files (#17).

## 8.7 0.2.1 (2015-06-13)

- Fix issues #9 #12 #13

## 8.8 0.2.0 (2015-06-09)

- Fix issues #3 #5 #6
- Add support for accessing subtracted sky flux to the `spec` module and `bossplot` script.
- This version breaks backwards compatibility with 0.1.0 since the previous `$BOSS_SAS_ROOT` environment variable is now named `$BOSS_SAS_PATH` and has the instrument name (usually `boss`) appended.
- bash users can update by replacing `export BOSS_SAS_ROOT=/sas/dr12` with `export BOSS_SAS_PATH=/sas/dr12/boss` in their `.bashrc` file.

## 8.9 0.1.0 (2015-05-24)

- First release on PyPI.



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## Modules API Reference

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### 9.1 bosssdata package

See also [API Usage](#). Use the links below to browse the API docs for each sub-module.

#### 9.1.1 bosssdata.path module

Generate paths to BOSS data files.

The path module provides convenience methods for building the paths of frequently used data files. Most scripts will create a single *Finder* object using the default constructor for this purpose:

```
import bosssdata.path
finder = bosssdata.path.Finder()
```

This finder object is normally configured by the `$BOSS_SAS_PATH` and `$BOSS_REDUX_VERSION` environment variables and no other modules uses these variables, except through a *Finder* object. These parameters can also be set by *Finder* constructor arguments. When neither the environment variables nor the constructor arguments are set, defaults appropriate for the most recent public data release (DR12) are used.

*Finder* objects never interact with any local or remote filesystems: use the `bosssdata.remote` module to download data files and access them locally. See [API Usage](#) for recommendations on using the `bosssdata.path` and `bosssdata.remote` modules together.

**class** `bosssdata.path.Finder` (`sas_path=None`, `redux_version=None`, `verbose=True`)

Bases: `object`

Initialize a path finder object.

When the constructor is called with no arguments, it will raise a `ValueError` if either `BOSS_SAS_PATH` or `BOSS_REDUX_VERSION` is not set.

#### Parameters

- **`sas_path`** (*str*) – Location of the SAS root path to use, e.g., `/sas/dr12`. Will use the value of the `BOSS_SAS_PATH` environment variable if this is not set.
- **`redux_version`** (*str*) – String tag specifying the BOSS spectro reduction version to use, e.g., `v5_7_0`. Will use the value of the `BOSS_REDUX_VERSION` environment variable if this is not set.

**Raises** `ValueError` – No SAS root or redux version specified on the command line or via environment variables.

**default\_quasar\_catalog\_name = 'DR12Q'**

Default quasar catalog name.

For more info about the BOSS quasar catalog, see <http://www.sdss.org/dr12/algorithms/boss-dr12-quasar-catalog/>

**default\_redux\_version = 'v5\_7\_0'**

Default to use when \$BOSS\_REDUX\_VERSION is not set.

See [Executable scripts](#) and [API Usage](#) for details.

**default\_sas\_path = '/sas/dr12/boss'**

Default to use when \$BOSS\_SAS\_PATH is not set.

See [Executable scripts](#) and [API Usage](#) for details.

**get\_plate\_path** (*plate*, *filename=None*)

Get the path to the specified plate directory or file.

The returned path contains files that include all targets on the plate. Use the [get\\_spec\\_path\(\)](#) method for the path of a single spectrum file.

This method only performs minimal checks that the requested plate number is valid.

#### Parameters

- **plate** (*int*) – Plate number, which must be positive.
- **filename** (*str*) – Name of a file within the plate directory to append to the returned path.

**Returns** Full path to the specified plate directory or file within this directory.

**Return type** str

**Raises** `ValueError` – Invalid plate number must be > 0.

**get\_plate\_plan\_path** (*plate*, *mjd*, *combined=True*)

Get the path to the specified plate plan file.

A combined plan may span several nearby MJDs, in which case the last MJD is the one used to identify the plan.

#### Parameters

- **plate** (*int*) – Plate number, which must be positive.
- **mjd** (*int*) – Modified Julian date of the observation, which must be > 45000.
- **combined** (*bool*) – Specifies the combined plan, which spans all MJDs associated with a coadd, but does not include calibration frames (arcs, flats) for a specific MJD.

**Returns** Full path to the requested plan file.

**Return type** str

**Raises** `ValueError` – Invalid plate or mjd inputs.

**get\_plate\_spec\_path** (*plate*, *mjd*)

Get the path to the file containing combined spectra for a whole plate.

Combined spectra for all exposures of a plate are packaged in [spPlate files](#). As of DR12, these files are about 110Mb for 1000 spectra.

#### Parameters

- **plate** (*int*) – Plate number, which must be positive.
- **mjd** (*int*) – Modified Julian date of the observation, which must be > 45000.

**Returns** Full path to the requested plan file.

**Return type** str

**Raises** ValueError – Invalid plate or mjd inputs.

**get\_platelist\_path()**

Get the location of the platelist summary file.

The `platelist` contains one row per observation (PLATE-MJD), unlike most other sources of metadata which contain one row per target (PLATE-MJD-FIBER).

**get\_quasar\_catalog\_path(catalog\_name=None)**

Get the location of the quasar catalog file.

The `quasar catalog` is documented at <http://www.sdss.org/dr12/algorithms/boss-dr12-quasar-catalog/>. As of DR12, the file size is about 513Mb.

**Parameters** `catalog_name` (str) – BOSS quasar catalog name. Will use the `get_default_quasar_catalog_name()` method if this is not set.

**get\_sp\_all\_path(lite=True)**

Get the location of the metadata summary file.

The `spAll` file provides extensive metadata for all survey targets as a FITS file. There is also a smaller “lite” version containing a subset of this metadata in compressed text format. As of DR12, the full file size is about 10Gb and the lite file is about 115Mb.

**Parameters** `lite` (bool) – Specifies the “lite” version which contains all rows but only the most commonly used subset of columns. The lite version is a compressed (.gz) text data file, while the full version is a FITS file.

**get\_spec\_path(plate, mjd, fiber, lite=True)**

Get the location of the spectrum file for the specified observation.

The DR12 data model for the returned files is at [http://dr12.sdss3.org/datamodel/files/BOSS\\_SPECTRO\\_REDUX/RUN2D/sp](http://dr12.sdss3.org/datamodel/files/BOSS_SPECTRO_REDUX/RUN2D/sp) but only HDUs 0-3 are included in the (default) lite format. Each lite (full) file is approximately 0.2Mb (1.7Mb) in size.

Use the `get_plate_path()` method for the path to files that include all targets on a plate.

This method only performs minimal checks that the requested plate-mjd-fiber are valid.

**Parameters**

- **plate** (int) – Plate number, which must be positive.
- **mjd** (int) – Modified Julian date of the observation, which must be > 45000.
- **fiber** (int) – Fiber number of the target on this plate, which must be in the range 1-1000 (or 1-640 for plate < 3510).
- **lite** (bool) – Specifies the “lite” version which contains only HDUs 0-3, so no per-exposure data is included.

**Returns** Full path to the spectrum file for the specified observation.

**Return type** str

**Raises** ValueError – Invalid plate, mjd or fiber inputs.

### 9.1.2 bosssdata.remote module

Download BOSS data files from a remote server.

The remote module is responsible for downloading data files into a local filesystem using a directory layout that mirrors the remote data source. Most scripts will create a single *Manager* object using the default constructor for this purpose:

```
import bosssdata.remote
mirror = bosssdata.remote.Manager()
```

This mirror object is normally configured by the `$BOSS_DATA_URL` and `$BOSS_LOCAL_ROOT` environment variables and no other modules uses these variables, except through a *Manager* object. These parameters can also be set by *Manager* constructor arguments. When neither the environment variables nor the constructor arguments are set, a default data URL appropriate for the most recent public data release (DR12) is used, and a temporary directory is created and used for the local root.

*Manager* objects have no knowledge of how data files are organized or named: use the `bosssdata.path` module to build the paths of frequently used data files. See [API Usage](#) for recommendations on using the `bosssdata.path` and `bosssdata.remote` modules together.

**class** `bosssdata.remote.Manager` (*data\_url=None, local\_root=None, verbose=True*)

Bases: `object`

Manage downloads of BOSS data via HTTP.

The default mapping from remote to local filenames is to mirror the remote file hierarchy on the local disk. The normal mode of operation is to establish the local root for the mirror using the `BOSS_LOCAL_ROOT` environment variable. When the constructor is called with no arguments, it will raise a `ValueError` if either `BOSS_DATA_URL` or `BOSS_LOCAL_ROOT` is not set.

#### Parameters

- **data\_url** (*str*) – Base URL of all BOSS data files. A trailing `/` on the URL is optional. If this arg is `None`, then the value of the `BOSS_DATA_URL` environment variable will be used instead.
- **local\_root** (*str*) – Local path to use as the root of the locally mirrored file hierarchy. If this arg is `None`, then the value of the `BOSS_LOCAL_ROOT` environment variable, if any, will be used instead. If a value is provided, it should identify an existing writeable directory.

**Raises** `ValueError` – No such directory `local_root` or missing `data_url`.

**default\_data\_url** = `'http://dr12.sdss3.org'`

Default to use when `$BOSS_DATA_URL` is not set.

See [Executable scripts](#) and [API Usage](#) for details.

**download** (*remote\_path, local\_path, chunk\_size=4096, progress\_min\_size=10*)

Download a single BOSS data file.

Downloads are streamed so that the memory requirements are independent of the file size. During the download, the file is written to its final location but with `‘.downloading’` appended to the file name. This means that any download that is interrupted or fails will normally not lead to an incomplete file being returned by a subsequent call to `get()`. Instead, the file will be re-downloaded. There is no facility for resuming a previous partial download. After a successful download, the file is renamed to its final location and has its permission bits set to read only (to prevent accidental modifications of files that are supposed to exactly mirror the remote file system).

#### Parameters

- **remote\_path** (*str*) – The full path to the remote file relative to the remote server root, which should normally be obtained using `bossdata.path` methods.
- **local\_path** (*str*) – The (absolute or relative) path of the local file to write.
- **chunk\_size** (*int*) – Size of data chunks to use for the streaming download. Larger sizes will potentially download faster but also require more memory.
- **progress\_min\_size** (*int*) – Display a text progress bar for any downloads whose size in Mb exceeds this value. No progress bar will ever be shown if this value is None.

**Returns** Absolute local path of the downloaded file.

**Return type** `str`

**Raises**

- `ValueError` – `local_path` directory does not exist.
- `RuntimeError` – HTTP request returned an error status.

**get** (*remote\_path*, *progress\_min\_size=10*, *auto\_download=True*, *local\_paths=None*)

Get a local file that mirrors a remote file, downloading the file if necessary.

**Parameters**

- **remote\_path** (*str;iterable*) – This arg will normally be a single string but can optionally be an iterable over strings for some advanced functionality. Strings give the full path to a remote file and should normally be obtained using `bossdata.path` methods. When passing an iterable, the first item specifies the desired file and subsequent items specify acceptable substitutes. If the desired file is not already available locally but at least one substitute file is locally available, this method immediately returns the first substitute without downloading the desired file. If no substitute is available, the desired file is downloaded and returned.
- **progress\_min\_size** (*int*) – Display a text progress bar for any downloads whose size in Mb exceeds this value. No progress bar will ever be shown if this value is None.
- **auto\_download** (*bool*) – Automatically download the file to the local mirror if necessary. If this is not set and the file is not already mirrored, then a `RuntimeError` occurs.
- **local\_paths** (*list*) – When this arg is not None, the local paths corresponding to each input remote path are stored to this arg, resulting in a list of the same size as the input `remote_path` (or length 1 if `remote_path` is a single string). This enables the following pattern for detecting when a substitution has occurred:

```
mirror = bossdata.remote.Manager()
remote_paths = [the_preferred_path, a_backup_path]
local_paths = []
local_path = mirror.get(remote_paths, local_paths=local_paths)
if local_path != local_paths[0]:
    print('substituted {} for {}'.format(local_path, local_paths[0]))
```

**Returns** Absolute local path of the local file that mirrors the remote file.

**Return type** `str`

**Raises** `RuntimeError` – File is not already mirrored and `auto_download` is False.

**local\_path** (*remote\_path*)

Get the local path corresponding to a remote path.

Does not check that the file or its parent directory exists. Use `get()` to ensure that the file exists, downloading it if necessary.

**Parameters** `remote_path` (*str*) – The full path to the remote file relative to the remote server root, which should normally be obtained using `bossdata.path` methods.

**Returns** Absolute local path of the local file that mirrors the remote file.

**Return type** `str`

**Raises** `RuntimeError` – No `local_root` specified when this manager was created.

### 9.1.3 bossdata.meta module

Support for querying the metadata associated with BOSS observations.

**class** `bossdata.meta.Database` (*finder=None, mirror=None, lite=True, quasar\_catalog=False, quasar\_catalog\_name=None, platelist=False, verbose=False*)

Bases: `object`

Initialize a searchable database of BOSS observation metadata.

#### Parameters

- **finder** (`bossdata.path.Finder`) – Object used to find the names of BOSS data files. If not specified, the default `Finder` constructor is used.
- **mirror** (`bossdata.remote.Manager`) – Object used to interact with the local mirror of BOSS data. If not specified, the default `Manager` constructor is used.
- **lite** (*bool*) – Use the “lite” metadata format, which is considerably faster but only provides a subset of the most commonly accessed fields. Ignored if either `quasar_catalog` or `platelist` is `True`.
- **quasar\_catalog** (*bool*) – Initialize database using the BOSS quasar catalog instead of `spAll`.
- **quasar\_catalog\_name** (*str*) – The name of the BOSS quasar catalog to use, or use the *default* if this is `None`.
- **platelist** (*bool*) – Initialize the database use the `platelist` catalog instead of `spAll`.

**prepare\_columns** (*column\_names*)

Validate column names and lookup their types.

**Parameters** `column_names` (*str*) – Comma-separated list of column names or the special value `*` to indicate all available columns.

**Returns** Tuple (names,dtypes) of lists of column names and corresponding numpy data types. Use `zip()` to convert the return value into a recarray dtype.

**Return type** `tuple`

**Raises** `ValueError` – Invalid column name.

**select\_all** (*what='\*', where=None, sort=None, max\_rows=100000*)

Fetch all results of an SQL select query.

Since this method loads all the results into memory, it is not suitable for queries that are expected to return a large number of rows. Instead, use `select_each()` for large queries.

#### Parameters

- **what** (*str*) – Comma separated list of column names to return or `*` to return all columns.

- **where** (*str*) – SQL selection clause or None for no filtering. Reserved column names such as PRIMARY must be escaped with backticks in this clause.
- **max\_rows** (*int*) – Maximum number of rows that will be returned.

**Returns** *astropy.table.Table*: Table of results with column names matching those in the database, and column types inferred automatically. Returns None if no rows are selected.

**Return type** :class

**Raises** `RuntimeError` – failed to execute query.

**select\_each** (*what='\*', where=None*)

Iterate over the results of an SQL select query.

This method is normally used as an iterator, e.g.

**for row in select(...):** # each row is a tuple of values ...

Since this method does not load all the results of a large query into memory, it is suitable for queries that are expected to return a large number of rows. For smaller queries, the `select_all()` method might be more convenient.

#### Parameters

- **what** (*str*) – Comma separated list of column names to return or '\*' to return all columns.
- **where** (*str*) – SQL selection clause or None for no filtering. Reserved column names such as PRIMARY must be escaped with backticks in this clause.

**Raises** `sqlite3.OperationalError` – failed to execute query.

`bosssdata.meta.create_meta_full` (*catalog\_path, db\_path, verbose=True, primary\_key='(PLATE, MJD, FIBER)'*)

Create the “full” meta database from a locally mirrored catalog file.

The created database renames FIBERID to FIBER and has a composite primary index on the (PLATE,MJD,FIBER) columns. Sub-array columns are also unrolled: see `sql_create_table()` for details. The conversion takes about 24 minutes on a laptop with sufficient memory (~4 Gb). During the conversion, the file being written has the extension *.building* appended, then this extension is removed (and the file is made read only) once the conversion successfully completes. This means that if the conversion is interrupted for any reason, it will be restarted the next time this function is called and you are unlikely to end up with an invalid database file.

#### Parameters

- **catalog\_path** (*str*) – Absolute local path of the “full” catalog file, which is expected to be a FITS file.
- **db\_path** (*str*) – Local path where the corresponding sqlite3 database will be written.

`bosssdata.meta.create_meta_lite` (*sp\_all\_path, db\_path, verbose=True*)

Create the “lite” meta database from a locally mirrored spAll file.

The created database has a composite primary index on the (PLATE,MJD,FIBER) columns and the input columns MODELFLUX0.4 are renamed MODELFLUX\_0.4 to be consistent with their names in the full database after sub-array un-rolling.

The DR12 spAll lite file is ~115Mb and converts to a ~470Mb SQL database file. The conversion takes about 3 minutes on a laptop with sufficient memory (~4 Gb). During the conversion, the file being written has the extension *.building* appended, then this extension is removed (and the file is made read only) once the conversion successfully completes. This means that if the conversion is interrupted for any reason, it will be restarted the next time this function is called and you are unlikely to end up with an invalid database file.

#### Parameters

- **sp\_all\_path** (*str*) – Absolute local path of the “lite” spAll file, which is expected to be a gzipped ASCII data file.
- **db\_path** (*str*) – Local path where the corresponding sqlite3 database will be written.

`bossdata.meta.get_plate_mjd_list(plate, finder=None, mirror=None)`

Return the list of MJD values when a plate was observed.

Uses a query of the [platelist](#), so this file will be automatically downloaded if necessary. Only MJD values for which the observation data quality is marked “good” will be returned.

#### Parameters

- **plate** (*int*) – Plate number.
- **finder** (`bossdata.path.Finder`) – Object used to find the names of BOSS data files. If not specified, the default Finder constructor is used.
- **mirror** (`bossdata.remote.Manager`) – Object used to interact with the local mirror of BOSS data. If not specified, the default Manager constructor is used.

**Returns** A list of MJD values when this plate was observed. The list will be empty if this plate has never been observed.

**Return type** list

`bossdata.meta.sql_create_table(table_name, recarray_dtype, renaming_rules={}, primary_key=None)`

Prepare an SQL statement to create a database for a numpy structured array.

Any columns in the structured array data type that are themselves arrays will be unrolled to a list of scalar columns with names *COLNAME\_I* for element [i] of a 1D array and *COLNAME\_I\_J* for element [i,j] of a 2D array, etc, with indices I,J,... starting from zero.

#### Parameters

- **table\_name** (*str*) – Name to give the new table.
- **recarray\_dtype** – Numpy structured array data type that defines the columns to create.
- **renaming\_rules** (*dict*) – Dictionary of rules for renaming columns. There are no explicit checks that these rules do not create duplicate column names or that all rules are applied.
- **primary\_key** (*str*) – Column name(s) to use as the primary key, after apply renaming rules. No index is created if this argument is None.

**Returns** Tuple (sql,num\_cols) where sql is an executable SQL statement to create the database and num\_cols is the number of columns created.

**Return type** tuple

**Raises** `ValueError` – Cannot map data type to SQL.

## 9.1.4 bossdata.spec module

Access spectroscopic data for a single BOSS target.

**class** `bossdata.spec.Exposures` (*header*)

Bases: `object`

Table of exposure info extracted from FITS header keywords.

Parse the NEXP and EXPIDnn keywords that are present in the header of HDU0 in [spPlate](#) and [spec](#) FITS files.

The constructor initializes the `table` attribute with column names `offset`, `camera`, `science`, `flat` and `arc`, and creates one row for each keyword `EXPIDnn`, where `offset` equals the keyword sequence number `nn`, `camera` is one of `b1`, `b2`, `r1`, `r2`, and the remaining columns record the science and calibration exposure numbers.

Use `get_info()` to retrieve the `n`-th exposure for a particular camera (`b1`, `b2`, `r1`, `r2`). Note that when this class is initialized from a `spec` file header, it will only describe the two cameras of a single spectrograph (`b1+r1` or `b2+r2`). The `num_by_camera` attribute is a dictionary of ints indexed by camera that records the number of science exposures available for that camera.

**Parameters** `header` (*dict*) – dictionary of FITS header keyword, value pairs.

Returns:

**get\_info** (*exposure\_index*, *camera*)

Get information about a single camera exposure.

#### Parameters

- **exposure\_index** (*int*) – The sequence number for the requested camera exposure, in the range 0 - (`num_exposures[camera]-1`).
- **camera** (*str*) – One of `b1`, `b2`, `r1`, `r2`.

**Returns** A structured array with information about the requested exposure, corresponding to one row of our `table` attribute.

#### Raises

- `ValueError` – Invalid `exposure_index` or `camera`.
- `RuntimeError` – Exposure not present.

**class** `bossdata.spec.SpecFile` (*path*)

Bases: `object`

A BOSS spec file containing summary data for a single target.

A `spec` file contains co-added spectra for a single target of an observation. This class supports the full version described in the data model as well as a `lite` version that does not contain the per-exposure HDUs with indices  $\geq 4$ . Use the `lite` attribute to detect which version an object represents.

To read all co-added spectra of an observation use `bossdata.plate.PlateFile`. Individual exposures of a half-plate can be read using `bossdata.plate.FrameFile`.

The `plate`, `mjd` and `fiber` attributes specify the target observation. The `info` attribute contains this target's row from `spAll` as a structured numpy array, so its metadata can be accessed as `info['OBJTYPE']`, etc.

Use `get_valid_data()` to access this target's spectra, or the `exposures` attribute for a list of exposures used in the coadd (see `bossdata.plate.Plan` for alternative information about the exposures used in a coadd.) The `num_exposures` attribute gives the number of science exposures used for this target's co-added spectrum (counting a blue+red pair as one exposure). Use `get_exposure_name()` to locate files associated the individual exposures used for this co-added spectrum.

This class is only intended for reading the BOSS spec file format, so generic operations on spectroscopic data (redshifting, resampling, etc) are intentionally not included here, but are instead provided in the `speclite` package.

**Parameters** `path` (*str*) – Local path of the spec FITS file to use. This should normally be obtained via `bossdata.path.Finder.get_spec_path()` and can be automatically mirrored via `bossdata.remote.Manager.get()` or using the `bossfetch` script. The file is opened in read-only mode so you do not need write privileges.

**get\_exposure\_hdu** (*exposure\_index*, *camera*)

Lookup the HDU for one exposure.

This method will not work on “lite” files, which do not include individual exposures.

**Parameters**

- **exposure\_index** (*int*) – Individual exposure to use, specified as a sequence number starting from zero, for the first exposure, and increasing up to *self.num\_exposures-1*.
- **camera** (*str*) – Which camera to use. Must be one of b1,b2,r1,r2.

**Returns** The HDU containing data for the requested exposure.

**Return type** hdu

**Raises** `RuntimeError` – individual exposures not available in lite file.

**get\_exposure\_name** (*sequence\_number*, *band*, *fctype*=*'spCFrame'*)

Get the file name of a single science exposure data product.

Use the exposure name to locate FITS data files associated with individual exposures. The supported file types are: `spCFrame`, `spFrame`, `spFluxcalib` and `spFluxcorr`. This method is analogous to `bosssdata.plate.Plan.get_exposure_name()`, but operates for a single target and only knows about exposures actually used in the final co-add.

**Parameters**

- **sequence\_number** (*int*) – Science exposure sequence number, counting from zero. Must be less than our `num_exposures` attribute.
- **band** (*str*) – Must be ‘blue’ or ‘red’.
- **fctype** (*str*) – Type of exposure file whose name to return. Must be one of `spCFrame`, `spFrame`, `spFluxcalib`, `spFluxcorr`. An `spCFrame` is assumed to be uncompressed, and all other files are assumed to be compressed.

**Returns** Exposure name of the form `[fctype]-[cc]-[eeeeeeee].[ext]` where `[cc]` identifies the spectrograph (one of b1,r1,b2,r2) and `[eeeeeeee]` is the zero-padded exposure number. The extension `[ext]` is “fits” for `spCFrame` files and “fits.gz” for all other file types.

**Return type** str

**Raises** `ValueError` – one of the inputs is invalid.

**get\_pixel\_mask** (*exposure\_index*=*None*, *camera*=*None*)

Get the pixel mask for a specified exposure or the combined coadd.

Returns the *and\_mask* for coadded spectra. The entire mask is returned, including any pixels with zero inverse variance.

**Parameters**

- **exposure\_index** (*int*) – Individual exposure to use, specified as a sequence number starting from zero, for the first exposure, and increasing up to *self.num\_exposures-1*. Uses the co-added spectrum when the value is *None*.
- **camera** (*str*) – Which camera to use. Must be either ‘b1’, ‘b2’ (blue) or ‘r1’, ‘r2’ (red) unless *exposure\_index* is *None*, in which case this argument is ignored.

**Returns** Array of integers, one per pixel, encoding the mask bits defined in `bosssdata.bits.SPPIXMASK` (see also [http://www.sdss3.org/dr10/algorithms/bitmask\\_sppixmask.php](http://www.sdss3.org/dr10/algorithms/bitmask_sppixmask.php)).

**Return type** `numpy.ndarray`

```
get_valid_data(exposure_index=None, camera=None, pixel_quality_mask=None, include_wdisp=False, include_sky=False, use_ivar=False, use_loglam=False, fiducial_grid=False)
```

Get the valid data for a specified exposure or the combined coadd.

You will probably find yourself using this idiom often:

```
data = spec.get_valid_data(...)
wlen, flux, dflux = data['wavelength'][:,], data['flux'][:,], data['dflux'][:,]
```

### Parameters

- **exposure\_index** (*int*) – Individual exposure to use, specified as a sequence number starting from zero, for the first exposure, and increasing up to *self.num\_exposures-1*. Uses the co-added spectrum when the value is None.
- **camera** (*str*) – Which camera to use. Must be either ‘b1’, ‘b2’ (blue) or ‘r1’, ‘r2’ (red) unless exposure\_index is None, in which case this argument is ignored.
- **pixel\_quality\_mask** (*int*) – An integer value interpreted as a bit pattern using the bits defined in *bosssdata.bits.SPPIXMASK* (see also [http://www.sdss3.org/dr10/algorithms/bitmask\\_sppixmask.php](http://www.sdss3.org/dr10/algorithms/bitmask_sppixmask.php)). Any bits set in this mask are considered harmless and the corresponding spectrum pixels are assumed to contain valid data. When accessing the coadded spectrum, this mask is applied to the AND of the masks for each individual exposure. No mask is applied if this value is None.
- **include\_wdisp** – Include a wavelength dispersion column in the returned data.
- **include\_sky** – Include a sky flux column in the returned data.
- **use\_ivar** – Replace dflux with ivar (inverse variance) in the returned data.
- **use\_loglam** – Replace wavelength with loglam ( $\log_{10}(\text{wavelength})$ ) in the returned data.
- **fiducial\_grid** – Return co-added data using the *fiducial wavelength grid*. If False, the returned array uses the native grid of the SpecFile, which generally trims pixels on both ends that have zero inverse variance. Set this value True to ensure that all co-added spectra use aligned wavelength grids when this matters.

**Returns** Masked array of per-pixel records. Pixels with no valid data are included but masked. The record for each pixel has at least the following named fields: wavelength in Angstroms (or loglam), flux and dflux in  $1e-17$  ergs/s/cm<sup>2</sup>/Angstrom (or flux and ivar). Wavelength values are strictly increasing and dflux is calculated as  $\text{ivar}^{*-0.5}$  for pixels with valid data. Optional fields are wdisp in constant-log<sub>10</sub>-lambda pixels and sky in  $1e-17$  ergs/s/cm<sup>2</sup>/Angstrom. The wavelength (or loglam) field is never masked and all other fields are masked when ivar is zero or a pipeline flag is set (and not allowed by pixel\_quality\_mask).

**Return type** numpy.ma.MaskedArray

### Raises

- **ValueError** – fiducial grid is not supported for individual exposures.
- **RuntimeError** – co-added wavelength grid is not aligned with the fiducial grid.

*bosssdata.spec.fiducial\_loglam*

Array of fiducial  $\log_{10}(\text{wavelength in Angstroms})$  covering all spectra.

Lookup the  $\log_{10}(\text{wavelength})$  or wavelength corresponding to a particular integral pixel index using:

```
>>> fiducial_loglam[100]
3.554100305027835
>>> 10**fiducial_loglam[100]
3581.7915291606305
```

The bounding wavelengths of this range are:

```
>>> 10**fiducial_loglam[[0,-1]]
array([ 3500.26      , 10568.18251472])
```

The `SpecFile.get_valid_data()` and `PlateFile.get_valid_data()` methods provide a `fiducial_grid` option that returns data using this grid.

`bossdata.spec.fiducial_pixel_index_range = (0, 4800)`

Range of fiducial pixel indices that covers all spectra.

Use `get_fiducial_pixel_index()` to calculate fiducial pixel indices.

`bossdata.spec.get_fiducial_pixel_index(wavelength)`

Convert a wavelength to a fiducial pixel index.

The fiducial wavelength grid used by all SDSS co-added spectra is logarithmically spaced:

```
wavelength = wavelength0 * 10**(coef * index)
```

The value `coef = 1e-4` is encoded in the FITS HDU headers of SDSS coadded data files with the keyword `CD1_1` (and sometimes also `COEFF1`). The value of `wavelength0` defines `index = 0` and is similarly encoded as `CRVAL1` (and sometimes also `COEFF0`). However, its value is not constant between different SDSS co-added spectra because varying amounts of invalid data are trimmed. This function adopts the constant value 3500.26 Angstrom corresponding to `index = 0`:

```
>>> get_fiducial_pixel_index(3500.26)
0.0
```

Note that the return value is a float so that wavelengths not on the fiducial grid can be converted and detected:

```
>>> get_fiducial_pixel_index(3500.5)
0.29776960129179741
```

The calculation is automatically broadcast over an input wavelength array:

```
>>> wlen = np.arange(4000, 4400, 100)
>>> get_fiducial_pixel_index(wlen)
array([ 579.596863 ,  686.83551692,  791.4898537 ,  893.68150552])
```

Use `fiducial_pixel_index_range` for an index range that covers all SDSS spectra and `fiducial_loglam` to convert integer indices to wavelengths.

**Parameters** `wavelength` (*float*) – Input wavelength in Angstroms.

**Returns** Array of floating-point indices relative to the fiducial wavelength grid.

**Return type** `numpy.ndarray`

## 9.1.5 bossdata.bits module

Define bit masks used in BOSS data and support symbolic operations on masks.

The SDSS bitmasks are documented at <http://www.sdss3.org/dr10/algorithms/bitmasks.php>. The authoritative definition of the bit masks is the file <http://www.sdss3.org/svn/repo/idlutils/trunk/data/sdss/sdssMaskbits.par>. A copy of this

file is included in this package's top-level directory and was used to automatically generate the bitmask definitions in this file with the `extract_sdss_bitmasks()` function.

**class** `bossdata.bits.ANCILLARY_TARGET1`

Bases: `object`

BOSS survey target flags for ancillary programs

**RQSS\_STMC**

*int*

(1<<35) defined in `rqss090630.descr`

**BLAZGXQSO**

*int*

(1<<53) defined in `anderson-blazar.par`

**BLAZR**

*int*

(1<<7) defined in `brandtxmm-andersonblazar-merged.descr`

**SPOKE**

*int*

(1<<41) defined in `BOSS_slowpokes_v2.descr`

**VARS**

*int*

(1<<5) defined in `blake_boss_v2.descr`

**QSO\_RADIO\_AAL**

*int*

(1<<26) defined in `qsoals_v2.descr`

**FAINTERM**

*int*

(1<<47) defined in `sd3targets_final.descr`

**RQSS\_SFC**

*int*

(1<<33) defined in `rqss090630.descr`

**CHANDRAV1**

*int*

(1<<57) defined in `haggard-sf-accrete.fits`

**BRIGHTGAL**

*int*

(1<<21) defined in `bright_gal_v3.descr`

**CXOBRIGHT**

*int*

(1<<58) defined in `brandt-xray.par`

**QSO\_HIZ**

*int*

(1<<30) defined in `sdss3_fan.descr`

**RVTEST**

*int*

(1<<49) defined in redkg.descr

**GAL\_NEAR\_QSO**

*int*

(1<<62) defined in weiner-qso-sightline.fits

**MTEMP**

*int*

(1<<63) defined in blake-transient-v3.fits

**BLAZGXR**

*int*

(1<<54) defined in anderson-blazar.par

**SPEC\_SN**

*int*

(1<<40) defined in ancillary\_supernova\_hosts\_v5.descr

**CXOGRIZ**

*int*

(1<<59) defined in brandt-xray.par

**QSO\_AAL**

*int*

(1<<22) defined in qsoals\_v2.descr

**AMC**

*int*

(1<<0) defined in blake\_boss\_v2.descr

**BLAZXRSAM**

*int*

(1<<9) defined in brandtxmm-andersonblazar-merged.descr

**QSO\_RIZ**

*int*

(1<<31) defined in sdss3\_fan.descr

**FBQSBAL**

*int*

(1<<15) defined in master-BAL-targets.descr

**BLAZXR**

*int*

(1<<8) defined in brandtxmm-andersonblazar-merged.descr

**RQSS\_SF**

*int*

(1<<32) defined in rqss090630.descr

**BLUE\_RADIO***int*

(1&lt;&lt;56) defined in tremonti-blue-radio.fits.gz

**RED\_KG***int*

(1&lt;&lt;48) defined in redkg.descr

**BLAZGVAR***int*

(1&lt;&lt;6) defined in brandtxmm-andersonblazar-merged.descr

**QSO\_AALS***int*

(1&lt;&lt;23) defined in qsoals\_v2.descr

**PREVBAL***int*

(1&lt;&lt;19) defined in master-BAL-targets.descr

**LBQSBAL***int*

(1&lt;&lt;16) defined in master-BAL-targets.descr

**QSO\_RADIO***int*

(1&lt;&lt;25) defined in qsoals\_v2.descr

**QSO\_NOAALS***int*

(1&lt;&lt;28) defined in qsoals\_v2.descr

**XMMBRIGHT***int*

(1&lt;&lt;11) defined in brandtxmm-andersonblazar-merged.descr

**ELG***int*

(1&lt;&lt;61) defined in kneib-cfht-elg.fits

**QSO\_GRI***int*

(1&lt;&lt;29) defined in sdss3\_fan.descr

**FLARE2***int*

(1&lt;&lt;2) defined in blake\_boss\_v2.descr

**SN\_GAL3***int*

(1&lt;&lt;38) defined in ancillary\_supernova\_hosts\_v5.descr

**FLARE1**

*int*

(1<<1) defined in blake\_boss\_v2.descr

**QSO\_RADIO\_IAL**

*int*

(1<<27) defined in qsoals\_v2.descr

**HPM**

*int*

(1<<3) defined in blake\_boss\_v2.descr

**SN\_GAL2**

*int*

(1<<37) defined in ancillary\_supernova\_hosts\_v5.descr

**FAINTERL**

*int*

(1<<46) defined in sd3targets\_final.descr

**BLAZGRFLAT**

*int*

(1<<50) defined in anderson-blazar.par

**SN\_GAL1**

*int*

(1<<36) defined in ancillary\_supernova\_hosts\_v5.descr

**VARBAL**

*int*

(1<<20) defined in master-BAL-targets.descr

**RQSS\_STM**

*int*

(1<<34) defined in rqss090630.descr

**OTBAL**

*int*

(1<<18) defined in master-BAL-targets.descr

**BLAZGX**

*int*

(1<<52) defined in anderson-blazar.par

**XMMRED**

*int*

(1<<14) defined in brandtxmm-andersonblazar-merged.descr

**BLAZGRQSO**

*int*

(1<<51) defined in anderson-blazar.par

**CXORED***int*

(1&lt;&lt;60) defined in brandt-xray.par

**BRIGHTERL***int*

(1&lt;&lt;44) defined in sd3targets\_final.descr

**BRIGHTERM***int*

(1&lt;&lt;45) defined in sd3targets\_final.descr

**LOW\_MET***int*

(1&lt;&lt;4) defined in blake\_boss\_v2.descr

**XMMGRIZ***int*

(1&lt;&lt;12) defined in brandtxmm-andersonblazar-merged.descr

**SN\_LOC***int*

(1&lt;&lt;39) defined in ancillary\_supernova\_hosts\_v5.descr

**WHITEDWARF\_NEW***int*

(1&lt;&lt;42) defined in WDv5\_eisenste\_fixed.descr

**QSO\_IAL***int*

(1&lt;&lt;24) defined in qsoals\_v2.descr

**WHITEDWARF\_SDSS***int*

(1&lt;&lt;43) defined in WDv5\_eisenste\_fixed.descr

**XMMHR***int*

(1&lt;&lt;13) defined in brandtxmm-andersonblazar-merged.descr

**ODDBAL***int*

(1&lt;&lt;17) defined in master-BAL-targets.descr

**BLAZXRVAR***int*

(1&lt;&lt;10) defined in brandtxmm-andersonblazar-merged.descr

**AMC = 1****BLAZGRFLAT = 1125899906842624****BLAZGRQSO = 2251799813685248****BLAZGVAR = 64**

BLAZGX = 4503599627370496  
BLAZGXQSO = 9007199254740992  
BLAZGXR = 18014398509481984  
BLAZR = 128  
BLAZXR = 256  
BLAZXRSAM = 512  
BLAZXRVAR = 1024  
BLUE\_RADIO = 72057594037927936  
BRIGHTERL = 17592186044416  
BRIGHTERM = 35184372088832  
BRIGHTGAL = 2097152  
CHANDRAV1 = 144115188075855872  
CXOBRIGHT = 288230376151711744  
CXOGRIZ = 576460752303423488  
CXORED = 1152921504606846976  
ELG = 2305843009213693952  
FAINTERL = 70368744177664  
FAINTERM = 140737488355328  
FBQSBAL = 32768  
FLARE1 = 2  
FLARE2 = 4  
GAL\_NEAR\_QSO = 4611686018427387904  
HPM = 8  
LBQSBAL = 65536  
LOW\_MET = 16  
MTEMP = 9223372036854775808L  
ODDBAL = 131072  
OTBAL = 262144  
PREVBAL = 524288  
QSO\_AAL = 4194304  
QSO\_AALS = 8388608  
QSO\_GRI = 536870912  
QSO\_HIZ = 1073741824  
QSO\_IAL = 16777216  
QSO\_NOAALS = 268435456  
QSO\_RADIO = 33554432

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QSO_RADIO_AAL = 67108864
QSO_RADIO_IAL = 134217728
QSO_RIZ = 2147483648
RED_KG = 281474976710656
RQSS_SF = 4294967296
RQSS_SFC = 8589934592
RQSS_STM = 17179869184
RQSS_STMC = 34359738368
RVTEST = 562949953421312
SN_GAL1 = 68719476736
SN_GAL2 = 137438953472
SN_GAL3 = 274877906944
SN_LOC = 549755813888
SPEC_SN = 1099511627776
SPOKE = 2199023255552
VARBAL = 1048576
VARS = 32
WHITEDWARF_NEW = 4398046511104
WHITEDWARF_SDSS = 8796093022208
XMMBRIGHT = 2048
XMMGRIZ = 4096
XMMHR = 8192
XMMRED = 16384

```

```
class bosssdata.bits.ANCILLARY_TARGET2
```

```
    Bases: object
```

```
    additional BOSS survey target flags for ancillary programs
```

```
    QSO_WISE_FULL_SKY
```

```
        int
```

```
        (1<<10) defined in none
```

```
    KQSO_BOSS
```

```
        int
```

```
        (1<<2) defined in mcMahon-ukidss.fits
```

```
    TAU_STAR
```

```
        int
```

```
        (1<<52) defined in knapp_taurus.descr
```

```
    _2MASSFILL
```

```
        int
```

```
        (1<<51) defined in rocksi_ges_segue.descr
```

**LRG\_ROUND3**

*int*

(1<<22) defined in newman.descr

**QSO\_WISE\_SUPP**

*int*

(1<<9) defined in BOSS\_QSO\_targets\_July\_WISE.descr

**DISKEMITTER\_REPEAT**

*int*

(1<<13) defined in shen.descr

**SEQUELS\_ELG**

*int*

(1<<34) defined in sequels\_elg.descr

**ELAIS\_N1\_GMRT\_GARN**

*int*

(1<<60) LOFAR-selected target

**QSO\_VAR\_SDSS**

*int*

(1<<8) defined in VARQSO.descr

**SDSSFILLER**

*int*

(1<<38) defined in rockosi\_ges\_segue.descr

**QSO\_EBOSS\_W3\_ADM**

*int*

(1<<31) defined in myers\_eboss\_qso\_w3.descr

**HIZ\_LRG**

*int*

(1<<21) defined in newman.descr

**RADIO\_2LOBE\_QSO**

*int*

(1<<5) defined in kimball-radio-2lobe-qso.fits.gz

**COROTGES**

*int*

(1<<49) defined in rocksi\_ges\_segue.descr

**COROTGESAPOG**

*int*

(1<<48) defined in rocksi\_ges\_segue.descr

**HIZQSO82**

*int*

(1<<0) defined in mcgreer-hizqso.fits

**STRIPE82BCG***int*

(1&lt;&lt;6) defined in alexie-bcgs.fits

**KOE2068\_STAR***int*

(1&lt;&lt;44) defined in knapp\_ngc2068.descr

**QSO\_VAR\_LF***int*

(1&lt;&lt;27) defined in palanque\_str82.descr

**SPIDERS\_PILOT***int*

(1&lt;&lt;25) defined in GreenMerloni\_MD01.descr

**ELAIS\_N1\_LOFAR***int*

(1&lt;&lt;58) LOFAR-selected target

**HIZQSOIR***int*

(1&lt;&lt;1) defined in mcgreer-hizqso.fits

**ELAIS\_N1\_JVLA***int*

(1&lt;&lt;62) LOFAR-selected target

**QSO\_DEEP***int*

(1&lt;&lt;56) DEEP QSO described in QSO\_DEEP\_LBG.descr

**XMM\_PRIME***int*

(1&lt;&lt;32) defined in georgekaksi\_xmmxll.descr

**TDSS\_SPIDERS\_PILOT***int*

(1&lt;&lt;26) defined in GreenMerloni\_MD01.descr

**XMMSDSS***int*

(1&lt;&lt;11) defined in georgakakis.descr

**KOE2068BSTAR***int*

(1&lt;&lt;46) defined in knapp\_ngc2068.descr

**SPOKE2***int*

(1&lt;&lt;17) defined in dhital.descr

**LBG**

*int*

(1<<57) LBG described in QSO\_DEEP\_LBG.descr

**RM\_TILE1**

*int*

(1<<54) reverberation mapping, high priority

**CLUSTER\_MEMBER**

*int*

(1<<16) defined in finoguenov\_auxBOSS.descr

**GES**

*int*

(1<<35) defined in rockosi\_ges\_segue.descr

**ELAIS\_N1\_FIRST**

*int*

(1<<59) LOFAR-selected target

**FAINT\_ELG**

*int*

(1<<18) defined in comparat.descr

**SEQUELS\_ELG\_LOWP**

*int*

(1<<39) defined in sequels\_elg.descr

**WISE\_BOSS\_QSO**

*int*

(1<<14) defined in ross\_wisebossqso.descr

**PTF\_GAL**

*int*

(1<<19) defined in kasliwal.descr

**\_25ORI\_WISE\_W3**

*int*

(1<<41) defined in knapp\_25ori.descr

**SEGUE1**

*int*

(1<<36) defined in rockosi\_ges\_segue.descr

**SEGUE2**

*int*

(1<<37) defined in rockosi\_ges\_segue.descr

**\_25ORI\_WISE**

*int*

(1<<40) defined in knapp\_25ori.descr

**KOE2023\_STAR***int*

(1&lt;&lt;43) defined in knapp\_ngc2023.descr

**KOEKAP\_STAR***int*

(1&lt;&lt;42) defined in knapp\_kappaori.descr

**TDSS\_PILOT\_SNHOST***int*

(1&lt;&lt;29) defined in TDSS\_SPIDERS\_MD03.descr

**IAMASERS***int*

(1&lt;&lt;12) defined in zaw.descr

**XMM\_SECOND***int*

(1&lt;&lt;33) defined in georgekaksi\_xmmxll.descr

**KOEKAPBSTAR***int*

(1&lt;&lt;47) defined in knapp\_kappaori.descr

**KOE2023BSTAR***int*

(1&lt;&lt;45) defined in knapp\_ngc2023.descr

**ELAIS\_N1\_GMRT\_TAYLOR***int*

(1&lt;&lt;61) LOFAR-selected target

**QSO\_XD\_KDE\_PAIR***int*

(1&lt;&lt;15) defined in myers.descr

**QSO\_SUPPZ***int*

(1&lt;&lt;7) defined in qso\_suppz.descr

**QSO\_VAR\_FPG***int*

(1&lt;&lt;4) defined in nathalie-ancillary3.par

**RM\_TILE2***int*

(1&lt;&lt;55) reverberation mapping, low priority

**QSO\_STD***int*

(1&lt;&lt;20) defined in margala.descr

**WISE\_COMPLETE**

*int*

(1<<23) defined in weiner\_wise.descr

**QSO\_VAR**

*int*

(1<<3) defined in butler-variable.fits.gz

**TDSS\_PILOT**

*int*

(1<<24) defined in GreenMerloni\_MD01.descr

**TDSS\_PILOT\_PM**

*int*

(1<<28) defined in TDSS\_SPIDERS\_MD03.descr

**SEQUELS\_TARGET**

*int*

(1<<53) any target in SEQUELS darktime program

**FAINT\_HIZ\_LRG**

*int*

(1<<30) defined in newman\_lrg\_w3.descr

**APOGEE**

*int*

(1<<50) defined in rocksi\_ges\_segue.descr

**APOGEE = 1125899906842624**

**CLUSTER\_MEMBER = 65536**

**COROTGES = 562949953421312**

**COROTGESAPOG = 281474976710656**

**DISKEMITTER\_REPEAT = 8192**

**ELAIS\_N1\_FIRST = 576460752303423488**

**ELAIS\_N1\_GMRT\_GARN = 1152921504606846976**

**ELAIS\_N1\_GMRT\_TAYLOR = 2305843009213693952**

**ELAIS\_N1\_JVLA = 4611686018427387904**

**ELAIS\_N1\_LOFAR = 288230376151711744**

**FAINT\_ELG = 262144**

**FAINT\_HIZ\_LRG = 1073741824**

**GES = 34359738368**

**HIZQSO82 = 1**

**HIZQSOIR = 2**

**HIZ\_LRG = 2097152**

**IAMASERS = 4096**

KOE2023BSTAR = 35184372088832  
KOE2023\_STAR = 8796093022208  
KOE2068BSTAR = 70368744177664  
KOE2068\_STAR = 17592186044416  
KOEKAPBSTAR = 140737488355328  
KOEKAP\_STAR = 4398046511104  
KQSO\_BOSS = 4  
LBG = 144115188075855872  
LRG\_ROUND3 = 4194304  
PTF\_GAL = 524288  
QSO\_DEEP = 72057594037927936  
QSO\_EBOSS\_W3\_ADM = 2147483648  
QSO\_STD = 1048576  
QSO\_SUPPZ = 128  
QSO\_VAR = 8  
QSO\_VAR\_FPG = 16  
QSO\_VAR\_LF = 134217728  
QSO\_VAR\_SDSS = 256  
QSO\_WISE\_FULL\_SKY = 1024  
QSO\_WISE\_SUPP = 512  
QSO\_XD\_KDE\_PAIR = 32768  
RADIO\_2LOBE\_QSO = 32  
RM\_TILE1 = 18014398509481984  
RM\_TILE2 = 36028797018963968  
SDSSFILLER = 274877906944  
SEGUE1 = 68719476736  
SEGUE2 = 137438953472  
SEQUELS\_ELG = 17179869184  
SEQUELS\_ELG\_LOWP = 549755813888  
SEQUELS\_TARGET = 9007199254740992  
SPIDERS\_PILOT = 33554432  
SPOKE2 = 131072  
STRIPE82BCG = 64  
TAU\_STAR = 4503599627370496  
TDSS\_PILOT = 16777216  
TDSS\_PILOT\_PM = 268435456

**TDSS\_PILOT\_SNHOST = 536870912**

**TDSS\_SPIDERS\_PILOT = 67108864**

**WISE\_BOSS\_QSO = 16384**

**WISE\_COMPLETE = 8388608**

**XMMSDSS = 2048**

**XMM\_PRIME = 4294967296**

**XMM\_SECOND = 8589934592**

**class** bossdata.bits.**APOGEE2\_TARGET1**

Bases: object

APOGEE2 primary target bits

**APOGEE2\_FAINT\_EXTRA**

*int*

(1<<29) Faint star (fainter than cohort limit; not required to reach survey S/N requirement)

**APOGEE2\_SCI\_CLUSTER**

*int*

(1<<9) Science cluster candidate member

**APOGEE2\_TWOBIN\_0\_5\_TO\_0\_8**

*int*

(1<<1) Selected in blue  $0.5 < (J-Ks)_o < 0.8$  color bin

**APOGEE2\_NO\_DERED**

*int*

(1<<6) Selected with no dereddening

**APOGEE2\_MAGCLOUD\_CANDIDATE**

*int*

(1<<23) Selected as potential Mag Cloud member (based on photometry)

**APOGEE2\_DSPH\_CANDIDATE**

*int*

(1<<21) Selected as potential dSph member (non Sgr) (based on photometry)

**APOGEE2\_TWOBIN\_GT\_0\_8**

*int*

(1<<2) Selected in red  $(J-Ks)_o > 0.8$  color bin

**APOGEE2\_DSPH\_MEMBER**

*int*

(1<<20) Selected as confirmed dSph member (non Sgr)

**APOGEE2\_APOKASC\_DWARF**

*int*

(1<<28) Selected as part of APOKASC dwarf sample

**APOGEE2\_NORMAL\_SAMPLE**

*int*

(1<<14) Selected as part of the random sample

**APOGEE2\_APOKASC\_GIANT***int*

(1&lt;&lt;27) Selected as part of APOKASC giant sample

**APOGEE2\_SGR\_DSPH***int*

(1&lt;&lt;26) Selected as confirmed Sgr core/stream member

**APOGEE2\_WASH\_NOCLASS***int*

(1&lt;&lt;17) Selected because it has no W+D classification

**APOGEE2\_MAGCLOUD\_MEMBER***int*

(1&lt;&lt;22) Selected as confirmed Mag Cloud member

**APOGEE2\_RRLYR***int*

(1&lt;&lt;24) Selected as a bulge RR Lyrae star

**APOGEE2\_WASH\_DWARF***int*

(1&lt;&lt;8) Selected as Wash+DDO51 photometric dwarf

**APOGEE2\_MANGA\_LED***int*

(1&lt;&lt;15) Star on a shared MaNGA-led design

**APOGEE2\_WASH\_GIANT***int*

(1&lt;&lt;7) Selected as Wash+DDO51 photometric giant

**APOGEE2\_SFD\_DERED***int*

(1&lt;&lt;5) Selected with SFD\_EBV dereddening

**APOGEE2\_APOKASC***int*

(1&lt;&lt;30) Selected as part of the APOKASC program (incl. seismic/gyro targets and others)

**APOGEE2\_STREAM\_CANDIDATE***int*

(1&lt;&lt;19) Selected as potential halo tidal stream member (based on photometry)

**APOGEE2\_IRAC\_DERED***int*

(1&lt;&lt;3) Selected with RJCE-IRAC dereddening

**APOGEE2\_SHORT***int*

(1&lt;&lt;11) Selected as part of a short cohort

**APOGEE2\_MEDIUM**

*int*

(1<<12) Selected as part of a medium cohort

**APOGEE2\_LONG**

*int*

(1<<13) Selected as part of a long cohort

**APOGEE2\_STREAM\_MEMBER**

*int*

(1<<18) Selected as confirmed halo tidal stream member

**APOGEE2\_ONEBIN\_GT\_0\_5**

*int*

(1<<0) Selected in single (J-Ks)o > 0.5 color bin

**APOGEE2\_WISE\_DERED**

*int*

(1<<4) Selected with RJCE-WISE dereddening

**APOGEE2\_ONEBIN\_GT\_0\_3**

*int*

(1<<16) Selected in single (J-Ks)o > 0.3 color bin

**APOGEE2\_APOKASC = 1073741824**

**APOGEE2\_APOKASC\_DWARF = 268435456**

**APOGEE2\_APOKASC\_GIANT = 134217728**

**APOGEE2\_DSPH\_CANDIDATE = 2097152**

**APOGEE2\_DSPH\_MEMBER = 1048576**

**APOGEE2\_FAINT\_EXTRA = 536870912**

**APOGEE2\_IRAC\_DERED = 8**

**APOGEE2\_LONG = 8192**

**APOGEE2\_MAGCLOUD\_CANDIDATE = 8388608**

**APOGEE2\_MAGCLOUD\_MEMBER = 4194304**

**APOGEE2\_MANGA\_LED = 32768**

**APOGEE2\_MEDIUM = 4096**

**APOGEE2\_NORMAL\_SAMPLE = 16384**

**APOGEE2\_NO\_DERED = 64**

**APOGEE2\_ONEBIN\_GT\_0\_3 = 65536**

**APOGEE2\_ONEBIN\_GT\_0\_5 = 1**

**APOGEE2\_RRL\_YR = 16777216**

**APOGEE2\_SCI\_CLUSTER = 512**

**APOGEE2\_SFD\_DERED = 32**

**APOGEE2\_SGR\_DSPH = 67108864**

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APOGEE2_SHORT = 2048
APOGEE2_STREAM_CANDIDATE = 524288
APOGEE2_STREAM_MEMBER = 262144
APOGEE2_TWOBIN_0_5_TO_0_8 = 2
APOGEE2_TWOBIN_GT_0_8 = 4
APOGEE2_WASH_DWARF = 256
APOGEE2_WASH_GIANT = 128
APOGEE2_WASH_NOCLASS = 131072
APOGEE2_WISE_DERED = 16

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class bosssdata.bits.APOGEE2_TARGET2
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Bases: object

APOGEE2 secondary target bits

**APOGEE2\_STANDARD\_STAR**

*int*

(1<<2) Stellar parameters/abundance standard

**APOGEE2\_GES\_OVERLAP**

*int*

(1<<14) Overlap with Gaia-ESO

**APOGEE2\_1M\_TARGET**

*int*

(1<<22) Selected as a 1-m target

**APOGEE2\_EXTERNAL\_CALIB**

*int*

(1<<5) External survey calibration target (generic flag; others below dedicated to specific surveys)

**APOGEE2\_GALAH\_OVERLAP**

*int*

(1<<17) Overlap with GALAH

**APOGEE2\_ARGOS\_OVERLAP**

*int*

(1<<15) Overlap with ARGOS

**APOGEE2\_INTERNAL\_CALIB**

*int*

(1<<6) Internal survey calibration target (observed in at least 2 of: APOGEE-1, -2N, -2S)

**APOGEE2\_GAIA\_OVERLAP**

*int*

(1<<16) Overlap with Gaia

**APOGEE2\_OBJECT**

*int*

(1<<30) This object is an APOGEE-2 target

**APOGEE2\_TELLURIC**

*int*

(1<<9) Telluric calibrator target

**APOGEE2\_LITERATURE\_CALIB**

*int*

(1<<13) Overlap with high-resolution literature studies

**APOGEE2\_RAVE\_OVERLAP**

*int*

(1<<18) Overlap with RAVE

**APOGEE2\_SKY**

*int*

(1<<4) Sky fiber

**APOGEE2\_CALIB\_CLUSTER**

*int*

(1<<10) Selected as calibration cluster member

**APOGEE2\_RV\_STANDARD**

*int*

(1<<3) Stellar RV standard

**APOGEE2\_1M\_TARGET = 4194304**

**APOGEE2\_ARGOS\_OVERLAP = 32768**

**APOGEE2\_CALIB\_CLUSTER = 1024**

**APOGEE2\_EXTERNAL\_CALIB = 32**

**APOGEE2\_GAIA\_OVERLAP = 65536**

**APOGEE2\_GALAH\_OVERLAP = 131072**

**APOGEE2\_GES\_OVERLAP = 16384**

**APOGEE2\_INTERNAL\_CALIB = 64**

**APOGEE2\_LITERATURE\_CALIB = 8192**

**APOGEE2\_OBJECT = 1073741824**

**APOGEE2\_RAVE\_OVERLAP = 262144**

**APOGEE2\_RV\_STANDARD = 8**

**APOGEE2\_SKY = 16**

**APOGEE2\_STANDARD\_STAR = 4**

**APOGEE2\_TELLURIC = 512**

**class bossdata.bits.APOGEE2\_TARGET3**

Bases: object

APOGEE2 trinary target bits

**APOGEE2\_YOUNG\_CLUSTER**

*int*

(1<<5) Selected as part of the young cluster study (IN-SYNC)

**APOGEE2\_SUBSTELLAR\_COMPANIONS***int*

(1&lt;&lt;4) Selected as part of the substellar companion search

**APOGEE2\_KOI\_CONTROL***int*

(1&lt;&lt;2) Selected as part of the long cadence KOI control sample

**APOGEE2\_ANCILLARY***int*

(1&lt;&lt;8) Selected as an ancillary target

**APOGEE2\_MASSIVE\_STAR***int*

(1&lt;&lt;9) Selected as part of the Massive Star program

**APOGEE2\_EB***int*

(1&lt;&lt;1) Selected as part of the EB program

**APOGEE2\_KOI***int*

(1&lt;&lt;0) Selected as part of the long cadence KOI study

**APOGEE2\_MDWARF***int*

(1&lt;&lt;3) Selected as part of the M dwarf study

**APOGEE2\_ANCILLARY = 256****APOGEE2\_EB = 2****APOGEE2\_KOI = 1****APOGEE2\_KOI\_CONTROL = 4****APOGEE2\_MASSIVE\_STAR = 512****APOGEE2\_MDWARF = 8****APOGEE2\_SUBSTELLAR\_COMPANIONS = 16****APOGEE2\_YOUNG\_CLUSTER = 32****class** bosssdata.bits.**APOGEE\_ASPCAPFLAG**

Bases: object

APOGEE ASPCAP mask bits

**METALS\_BAD***int*

(1&lt;&lt;19) BAD metals (see PARAMFLAG[3] for details)

**TEFF\_BAD***int*

(1&lt;&lt;16) BAD effective temperature (see PARAMFLAG[0] for details)

**CHI2\_WARN**

*int*

(1<<8) high  $\chi^2$  (> 2\*median at ASPCAP temperature (WARN)

**NFE\_WARN**

*int*

(1<<6) WARNING on [N/Fe] (see PARAMFLAG[6] for details)

**VMICRO\_WARN**

*int*

(1<<2) WARNING on vmicro (see PARAMFLAG[2] for details)

**COLORTE\_WARN**

*int*

(1<<9) effective temperature more than 500K from photometric temperature for dereddened color (WARN)

**COLORTE\_BAD**

*int*

(1<<25) effective temperature more than 1000K from photometric temperature for dereddened color (BAD)

**TEFF\_WARN**

*int*

(1<<0) WARNING on effective temperature (see PARAMFLAG[0] for details)

**CHI2\_BAD**

*int*

(1<<24) high  $\chi^2$  (> 5\*median at ASPCAP temperature (BAD)

**STAR\_WARN**

*int*

(1<<7) WARNING overall for star: set if any of TEFF, LOGG, CHI2, COLORTE, ROTATION, SN warn are set

**CFE\_BAD**

*int*

(1<<21) BAD [C/Fe] (see PARAMFLAG[5] for details)

**VMICRO\_BAD**

*int*

(1<<18) BAD vmicro (see PARAMFLAG[2] for details)

**CFE\_WARN**

*int*

(1<<5) WARNING on [C/Fe] (see PARAMFLAG[5] for details)

**LOGG\_BAD**

*int*

(1<<17) BAD log g (see PARAMFLAG[1] for details)

**ALPHAFe\_BAD**

*int*

(1<<20) BAD [ $\alpha$ /Fe] (see PARAMFLAG[4] for details)

**NFE\_BAD***int*

(1&lt;&lt;22) BAD [N/Fe] (see PARAMFLAG[6] for details)

**ALPHAFe\_WARN***int*

(1&lt;&lt;4) WARNING on [alpha/Fe] (see PARAMFLAG[4] for details)

**SN\_WARN***int*

(1&lt;&lt;11) S/N&lt;70 (WARN)

**SN\_BAD***int*

(1&lt;&lt;27) S/N&lt;50 (BAD)

**METALS\_WARN***int*

(1&lt;&lt;3) WARNING on metals (see PARAMFLAG[3] for details)

**ROTATION\_WARN***int*

(1&lt;&lt;10) Spectrum has broad lines, with possible bad effects: FWHM of cross-correlation of spectrum with best RV template relative to auto-correlation of template &gt; 1.5 (WARN)

**STAR\_BAD***int*

(1&lt;&lt;23) BAD overall for star: set if any of TEFF, LOGG, CHI2, COLORTE, ROTATION, SN error are set, or any parameter is near grid edge (GRIDEDGE\_BAD is set in any PARAMFLAG)

**NO\_ASPCAP\_RESULT***int*

(1&lt;&lt;31) No result

**LOGG\_WARN***int*

(1&lt;&lt;1) WARNING on log g (see PARAMFLAG[1] for details)

**ROTATION\_BAD***int*

(1&lt;&lt;26) Spectrum has broad lines, with possible bad effects: FWHM of cross-correlation of spectrum with best RV template relative to auto-correlation of template &gt; 2 (BAD)

**ALPHAFe\_BAD = 1048576****ALPHAFe\_WARN = 16****CFE\_BAD = 2097152****CFE\_WARN = 32****CHI2\_BAD = 16777216****CHI2\_WARN = 256****COLORTE\_BAD = 33554432**

**COLORTE\_WARN = 512**  
**LOGG\_BAD = 131072**  
**LOGG\_WARN = 2**  
**METALS\_BAD = 524288**  
**METALS\_WARN = 8**  
**NFE\_BAD = 4194304**  
**NFE\_WARN = 64**  
**NO\_ASPCAP\_RESULT = 2147483648**  
**ROTATION\_BAD = 67108864**  
**ROTATION\_WARN = 1024**  
**SN\_BAD = 134217728**  
**SN\_WARN = 2048**  
**STAR\_BAD = 8388608**  
**STAR\_WARN = 128**  
**TEFF\_BAD = 65536**  
**TEFF\_WARN = 1**  
**VMICRO\_BAD = 262144**  
**VMICRO\_WARN = 4**

**class** bossdata.bits.**APOGEE\_EXTRATARG**  
 Bases: object  
 APOGEE pixel level mask bits  
**COMMISSIONING**  
*int*  
 (1<<1) Commissioning data  
**NOT\_MAIN**  
*int*  
 (1<<0) Not main survey target  
**TELLURIC**  
*int*  
 (1<<2) Telluric target  
**DUPLICATE**  
*int*  
 (1<<4) Duplicate observation of star  
**APO1M**  
*int*  
 (1<<3) APO1M + APOGEE observation  
**APO1M = 8**  
**COMMISSIONING = 2**

**DUPLICATE = 16**

**NOT\_MAIN = 1**

**TELLURIC = 4**

**class** `bosssdata.bits.APOGEE_PARAMFLAG`

Bases: `object`

APOGEE parameter mask bits (set for each stellar parameter in ASPCAP fit)

**CALRANGE\_BAD**

*int*

(1<<1) Parameter outside valid range of calibration determination

**OTHER\_WARN**

*int*

(1<<10) Other warning condition

**OTHER\_BAD**

*int*

(1<<2) Other error condition

**CALRANGE\_WARN**

*int*

(1<<9) Parameter in possibly unreliable range of calibration determination

**GRIDEDGE\_WARN**

*int*

(1<<8) Parameter within 1/2 grid spacing of grid edge

**PARAM\_FIXED**

*int*

(1<<16) Parameter set at fixed value, not fit

**GRIDEDGE\_BAD**

*int*

(1<<0) Parameter within 1/8 grid spacing of grid edge

**CALRANGE\_BAD = 2**

**CALRANGE\_WARN = 512**

**GRIDEDGE\_BAD = 1**

**GRIDEDGE\_WARN = 256**

**OTHER\_BAD = 4**

**OTHER\_WARN = 1024**

**PARAM\_FIXED = 65536**

**class** `bosssdata.bits.APOGEE_PIXMASK`

Bases: `object`

APOGEE extra targeting bits

**PERSIST\_MED**

*int*

(1<<10) Pixel falls in medium persistence region, may be affected

**NOSKY**

*int*

(1<<7) No sky available for this pixel from sky fibers

**CRPIX**

*int*

(1<<1) Pixel marked as cosmic ray in ap3d

**BADERR**

*int*

(1<<6) Pixel set to have very high error (not used)

**PERSIST\_HIGH**

*int*

(1<<9) Pixel falls in high persistence region, may be affected

**SIG\_TELLURIC**

*int*

(1<<13) Pixel falls near telluric line that has significant absorption

**SIG\_SKYLINE**

*int*

(1<<12) Pixel falls near sky line that has significant flux compared with object

**UNFIXABLE**

*int*

(1<<3) Pixel marked as unfixable in ap3d

**SATPIX**

*int*

(1<<2) Pixel marked as saturated in ap3d

**BADDARK**

*int*

(1<<4) Pixel marked as bad as determined from dark frame

**PERSIST\_LOW**

*int*

(1<<11) Pixel falls in low persistence region, may be affected

**LITTROW\_GHOST**

*int*

(1<<8) Pixel falls in Littrow ghost, may be affected

**BADFLAT**

*int*

(1<<5) Pixel marked as bad as determined from flat frame

**BADPIX**

*int*

(1<<0) Pixel marked as BAD in bad pixel mask

**BADDARK = 16**  
**BADERR = 64**  
**BADFLAT = 32**  
**BADPIX = 1**  
**CRPIX = 2**  
**LITTROW\_GHOST = 256**  
**NOSKY = 128**  
**PERSIST\_HIGH = 512**  
**PERSIST\_LOW = 2048**  
**PERSIST\_MED = 1024**  
**SATPIX = 4**  
**SIG\_SKYLINE = 4096**  
**SIG\_TELLURIC = 8192**  
**UNFIXABLE = 8**

**class** bossdata.bits.**APOGEE\_STARFLAG**

Bases: object

APOGEE star-level mask bits

**PERSIST\_MED**

*int*

(1<<10) Spectrum has significant number (>20%) of pixels in medium persistence region: WARN

**SUSPECT\_RV\_COMBINATION**

*int*

(1<<16) WARNING: RVs from synthetic template differ significantly from those from combined template

**BRIGHT\_NEIGHBOR**

*int*

(1<<2) Star has neighbor more than 10 times brighter: WARN

**PERSIST\_JUMP\_NEG**

*int*

(1<<13) Spectrum show obvious negative jump in blue chip: WARN

**BAD\_PIXELS**

*int*

(1<<0) Spectrum has many bad pixels (>40%): BAD

**PERSIST\_LOW**

*int*

(1<<11) Spectrum has significant number (>20%) of pixels in low persistence region: WARN

**LOW\_SNR**

*int*

(1<<4) Spectrum has low S/N (S/N<5): BAD

**VERY\_BRIGHT\_NEIGHBOR**

*int*

(1<<3) Star has neighbor more than 100 times brighter: BAD

**SUSPECT\_BROAD\_LINES**

*int*

(1<<17) WARNING: cross-correlation peak with template significantly broader than autocorrelation of template

**COMMISSIONING**

*int*

(1<<1) Commissioning data (MJD<55761), non-standard configuration, poor LSF: WARN

**PERSIST\_HIGH**

*int*

(1<<9) Spectrum has significant number (>20%) of pixels in high persistence region: WARN

**PERSIST\_JUMP\_POS**

*int*

(1<<12) Spectrum show obvious positive jump in blue chip: WARN

**BAD\_PIXELS = 1**

**BRIGHT\_NEIGHBOR = 4**

**COMMISSIONING = 2**

**LOW\_SNR = 16**

**PERSIST\_HIGH = 512**

**PERSIST\_JUMP\_NEG = 8192**

**PERSIST\_JUMP\_POS = 4096**

**PERSIST\_LOW = 2048**

**PERSIST\_MED = 1024**

**SUSPECT\_BROAD\_LINES = 131072**

**SUSPECT\_RV\_COMBINATION = 65536**

**VERY\_BRIGHT\_NEIGHBOR = 8**

**class** bossdata.bits.**APOGEE\_TARGET1**

Bases: object

APOGEE primary target bits

**APOGEE\_INTERMEDIATE**

*int*

(1<<12) Intermediate cohort target

**APOGEE\_KEPLER\_EB**

*int*

(1<<23) Eclipsing binary from Kepler (ancillary)

**APOGEE\_FAINT\_EXTRA**

*int*

(1<<29) Selected as faint target for low target-density field

**APOGEE\_OLD\_STAR**

*int*

(1<<21) Selected as old star (ancillary)

**APOGEE\_IRAC\_DERED**

*int*

(1<<3) Selected using RJCE-IRAC dereddening

**APOGEE\_CHECKED**

*int*

(1<<31) This target has been checked

**APOGEE\_WISE\_DERED**

*int*

(1<<4) Selected using RJCE-WISE dereddening

**APOGEE\_KEPLER\_SEISMO**

*int*

(1<<27) Kepler asteroseismology program target

**APOGEE\_LONG**

*int*

(1<<13) Long cohort target

**APOGEE\_MDWARF**

*int*

(1<<19) M dwarfs selected for RV program (ancillary)

**APOGEE\_ANCILLARY**

*int*

(1<<17) An ancillary program

**APOGEE\_SCI\_CLUSTER**

*int*

(1<<9) Probable cluster member

**APOGEE\_GC\_PAL1**

*int*

(1<<24) Star in globular cluster (ancillary)

**APOGEE\_M31\_CLUSTER**

*int*

(1<<18) M31 cluster target (ancillary)

**APOGEE\_SERENDIPITOUS**

*int*

(1<<15) Serendipitously interesting target to reobserve

**APOGEE\_NO\_DERED**

*int*

(1<<6) Selected using no dereddening

**APOGEE\_WASH\_DWARF**

*int*

(1<<8) Selected as dwarf in Washington photometry

**APOGEE\_WASH\_GIANT**

*int*

(1<<7) Selected as giant in Washington photometry

**APOGEE\_HIRES**

*int*

(1<<20) Star with optical hi-res spectra (ancillary)

**APOGEE\_FIRST\_LIGHT**

*int*

(1<<16) First list plate target

**APOGEE\_MASSIVE\_STAR**

*int*

(1<<25) Selected as massive star (ancillary)

**APOGEE\_DO\_NOT\_OBSERVE**

*int*

(1<<14) Do not observe (again)

**APOGEE\_SHORT**

*int*

(1<<11) Short cohort target

**APOGEE\_EXTENDED**

*int*

(1<<10) Extended object

**APOGEE\_KEPLER\_HOST**

*int*

(1<<28) Kepler planet-host program target

**APOGEE\_SEGUE\_OVERLAP**

*int*

(1<<30) Selected because of overlap with SEGUE survey

**APOGEE\_FAINT**

*int*

(1<<0) Selected in faint bin of cohort

**APOGEE\_SGR\_DSPH**

*int*

(1<<26) Sagittarius dwarf spheroidal member

**APOGEE\_BRIGHT**

*int*

(1<<2) Selected in bright bin of cohort

**APOGEE\_SFD\_DERED**

*int*

(1<<5) Selected using SFD E(B-V) dereddening

**APOGEE\_MEDIUM**

*int*

(1<<1) Selected in medium bin of cohort

**APOGEE\_DISK\_RED\_GIANT**

*int*

(1<<22) Disk red giant (ancillary)

**APOGEE\_ANCILLARY = 131072**

**APOGEE\_BRIGHT = 4**

**APOGEE\_CHECKED = 2147483648**

**APOGEE\_DISK\_RED\_GIANT = 4194304**

**APOGEE\_DO\_NOT\_OBSERVE = 16384**

**APOGEE\_EXTENDED = 1024**

**APOGEE\_FAINT = 1**

**APOGEE\_FAINT\_EXTRA = 536870912**

**APOGEE\_FIRST\_LIGHT = 65536**

**APOGEE\_GC\_PAL1 = 16777216**

**APOGEE\_HIRES = 1048576**

**APOGEE\_INTERMEDIATE = 4096**

**APOGEE\_IRAC\_DERED = 8**

**APOGEE\_KEPLER\_EB = 8388608**

**APOGEE\_KEPLER\_HOST = 268435456**

**APOGEE\_KEPLER\_SEISMO = 134217728**

**APOGEE\_LONG = 8192**

**APOGEE\_M31\_CLUSTER = 262144**

**APOGEE\_MASSIVE\_STAR = 33554432**

**APOGEE\_MDWARF = 524288**

**APOGEE\_MEDIUM = 2**

**APOGEE\_NO\_DERED = 64**

**APOGEE\_OLD\_STAR = 2097152**

**APOGEE\_SCI\_CLUSTER = 512**

**APOGEE\_SEGUE\_OVERLAP = 1073741824**

**APOGEE\_SERENDIPITOUS = 32768**

**APOGEE\_SFD\_DERED = 32**

**APOGEE\_SGR\_DSPH = 67108864**

**APOGEE\_SHORT = 2048**

**APOGEE\_WASH\_DWARF = 256**

**APOGEE\_WASH\_GIANT = 128**

**APOGEE\_WISE\_DERED = 16**

**class** bossdata.bits.**APOGEE\_TARGET2**

Bases: object

APOGEE secondary target bits

**BUNDLE\_HOLE**

*int*

(1<<7) Bundle hole

**APOGEE\_KEPLER\_COOLDWARF**

*int*

(1<<16) Kepler cool dwarf/subgiant (ancillary)

**APOGEE\_CALIB\_CLUSTER**

*int*

(1<<10) Known calibration cluster member

**APOGEE\_LONGBAR**

*int*

(1<<14) Probable RC star in long bar (ancillary)

**GUIDE\_STAR**

*int*

(1<<6) Guide star

**APOGEE\_RV\_STANDARD**

*int*

(1<<3) Radial velocity standard

**APOGEE\_FLUX\_STANDARD**

*int*

(1<<1) Flux standard

**APOGEE\_GC\_SUPER\_GIANT**

*int*

(1<<12) Probable supergiant in Galactic Center

**SKY**

*int*

(1<<4) Sky

**APOGEE\_EMISSION\_STAR**

*int*

(1<<15) Emission-line star (ancillary)

**APOGEE\_STANDARD\_STAR**

*int*

(1<<2) Stellar abundance, parameters standard

**APOGEE\_EMBEDDEDCLUSTER\_STAR***int*

(1&lt;&lt;13) Young embedded clusters (ancillary)

**SKY\_BAD***int*

(1&lt;&lt;5) Selected as sky but identified as bad (via visual exam or observation)

**APOGEE\_TELLURIC***int*

(1&lt;&lt;9) Hot (telluric) standard

**LIGHT\_TRAP***int*

(1&lt;&lt;0) Light trap

**APOGEE\_MIRCLUSTER\_STAR***int*

(1&lt;&lt;17) Candidate MIR-detected cluster member (ancillary)

**APOGEE\_CHECKED***int*

(1&lt;&lt;31) This target has been checked

**APOGEE\_TELLURIC\_BAD***int*

(1&lt;&lt;8) Selected as telluric standard but identified as bad (via SIMBAD or observation)

**APOGEE\_GC\_GIANT***int*

(1&lt;&lt;11) Probable giant in Galactic Center

**APOGEE\_CALIB\_CLUSTER = 1024****APOGEE\_CHECKED = 2147483648****APOGEE\_EMBEDDEDCLUSTER\_STAR = 8192****APOGEE\_EMISSION\_STAR = 32768****APOGEE\_FLUX\_STANDARD = 2****APOGEE\_GC\_GIANT = 2048****APOGEE\_GC\_SUPER\_GIANT = 4096****APOGEE\_KEPLER\_COOLDWARF = 65536****APOGEE\_LONGBAR = 16384****APOGEE\_MIRCLUSTER\_STAR = 131072****APOGEE\_RV\_STANDARD = 8****APOGEE\_STANDARD\_STAR = 4****APOGEE\_TELLURIC = 512****APOGEE\_TELLURIC\_BAD = 256****BUNDLE\_HOLE = 128**

**GUIDE\_STAR = 64**

**LIGHT\_TRAP = 1**

**SKY = 16**

**SKY\_BAD = 32**

**class** bossdata.bits.**BOSSTILE\_STATUS**

Bases: object

BOSS tiling code status bits

**MIDLEVEL\_PRIORITY**

*int*

(1<<23) targets (from ancillary list) tiled between gals and ancillaries

**NAKED**

*int*

(1<<1) not in area covered by tiles

**DECOLLIDED**

*int*

(1<<3) in the decollided set of high priority

**DUPLICATE**

*int*

(1<<17) trimmed as a duplicate object (only checked if not trimmed for any other reason)

**DUPLICATE\_PRIMARY**

*int*

(1<<18) has associated duplicate object that were trimmed (but this one is kept)

**KNOWN\_OBJECT**

*int*

(1<<16) galaxy has known redshift

**DUPLICATE\_TILED**

*int*

(1<<19) trimmed as a duplicate object, and its primary was tiled

**FILLER**

*int*

(1<<11) was a filler (not normal repeat)

**POSSIBLE\_KNOCKOUT**

*int*

(1<<5) knocked out of at least one tile by BOSSTARGET

**REPEAT**

*int*

(1<<10) included on more than one tile

**ANCILLARY\_ROUND2**

*int*

(1<<22) new ancillaries added June 2012 (tiled after old ancillaries)

**IGNORE\_PRIORITY***int*

(1&lt;&lt;6) priority exceeds max (ANCILLARY only)

**BLUEFIBER***int*

(1&lt;&lt;8) allocate this object a blue fiber

**TOOFAINT***int*

(1&lt;&lt;20) trimmed because it was fainter than the ifiber2mag limit

**OUT\_OF\_BOUNDS***int*

(1&lt;&lt;13) outside bounds for this sort of target (for restricted QSO geometry, e.g.)

**BAD\_CALIB\_STATUS***int*

(1&lt;&lt;14) bad CALIB\_STATUS

**BOSSTARGET***int*

(1&lt;&lt;2) in the high priority set of targets

**PREVIOUS\_CHUNK***int*

(1&lt;&lt;15) included because not tiled in previous overlapping chunk

**ANCILLARY***int*

(1&lt;&lt;4) in the lower priority, ancillary set

**CENTERPOST***int*

(1&lt;&lt;9) 92 arcsec collision with center post

**TOOBRIGHT***int*

(1&lt;&lt;7) fibermag too bright

**SUPPLEMENTARY***int*

(1&lt;&lt;21) supplementary targets tiles after the ancillaries (subset of ancillaries)

**NOT\_TILED\_TARGET***int*

(1&lt;&lt;12) though in input file, not a tiled target

**TILED***int*

(1&lt;&lt;0) assigned a fiber

**ANCILLARY = 16**

**ANCILLARY\_ROUND2 = 4194304**  
**BAD\_CALIB\_STATUS = 16384**  
**BLUEFIBER = 256**  
**BOSSTARGET = 4**  
**CENTERPOST = 512**  
**DECOLLIDED = 8**  
**DUPLICATE = 131072**  
**DUPLICATE\_PRIMARY = 262144**  
**DUPLICATE\_TILED = 524288**  
**FILLER = 2048**  
**IGNORE\_PRIORITY = 64**  
**KNOWN\_OBJECT = 65536**  
**MIDLEVEL\_PRIORITY = 8388608**  
**NAKED = 2**  
**NOT\_TILED\_TARGET = 4096**  
**OUT\_OF\_BOUNDS = 8192**  
**POSSIBLE\_KNOCKOUT = 32**  
**PREVIOUS\_CHUNK = 32768**  
**REPEAT = 1024**  
**SUPPLEMENTARY = 2097152**  
**TILED = 1**  
**TOOBRIGHT = 128**  
**TOOFAINT = 1048576**

**class** bosssdata.bits.**BOSS\_TARGET1**

Bases: object

BOSS survey primary target selection flags

**QSO\_UKIDSS**

*int*

(1<<15) UKIDSS stars that match sweeps/pass flag cuts

**QSO\_CORE\_MAIN**

*int*

(1<<40) Main survey core sample

**SDSS\_KNOWN**

*int*

(1<<6) Matches a known SDSS spectra

**QSO\_BONUS**

*int*

(1<<11) permissive qso selection: commissioning only

**QSO\_BONUS\_MAIN***int*

(1&lt;&lt;41) Main survey bonus sample

**QSO\_KDE***int*

(1&lt;&lt;19) selected by kde+chi2

**TEMPLATE\_GAL\_PHOTO***int*

(1&lt;&lt;32) galaxy templates

**GAL\_CMASS\_ALL***int*

(1&lt;&lt;7) GAL\_CMASS and the entire sparsely sampled region

**QSO\_KDE\_COADD***int*

(1&lt;&lt;16) kde targets from the stripe82 coadd

**QSO\_CORE\_ED***int*

(1&lt;&lt;42) Extreme Deconvolution in Core

**TEMPLATE\_STAR\_PHOTO***int*

(1&lt;&lt;34) stellar templates

**GAL\_IFIBER2\_FAINT***int*

(1&lt;&lt;8) ifiber2 &gt; 21.5, extinction corrected. Used after Nov 2010

**QSO\_KNOWN\_MIDZ***int*

(1&lt;&lt;12) known qso between [2.2,9.99]

**GAL\_LODPERP\_DEPRECATED***int*

(1&lt;&lt;5) (DEPRECATED) Same as hiz but between dperp00 and dperp0

**QSO\_CORE\_LIKE***int*

(1&lt;&lt;43) Likelihood that make it into core

**STD\_FSTAR***int*

(1&lt;&lt;20) standard f-stars

**GAL\_CMASS***int*

(1&lt;&lt;1) dperp &gt; 0.55, color-mag cut

**GAL\_LOZ**

*int*

(1<<0) low-z lrgs

**QSO\_KNOWN\_LOHIZ**

*int*

(1<<13) known qso outside of miz range. never target

**QSO\_NN**

*int*

(1<<14) Neural Net that match to sweeps/pass cuts

**TEMPLATE\_STAR\_SPECTRO**

*int*

(1<<35) stellar templates (spectroscopically known)

**GAL\_CMASS\_COMM**

*int*

(1<<2) dperp > 0.55, commissioning color-mag cut

**QSO\_CORE**

*int*

(1<<10) restrictive qso selection: commissioning only

**GAL\_CMASS\_SPARSE**

*int*

(1<<3) GAL\_CMASS\_COMM & (!GAL\_CMASS) & (i < 19.9) sparsely sampled

**STD\_QSO**

*int*

(1<<22) qso

**QSO\_LIKE**

*int*

(1<<17) likelihood method

**QSO\_KNOWN\_SUPPZ**

*int*

(1<<44) known qso between [1.8,2.15]

**STD\_WD**

*int*

(1<<21) white dwarfs

**QSO\_FIRST\_BOSS**

*int*

(1<<18) FIRST radio match

**TEMPLATE\_QSO\_SDSS1**

*int*

(1<<33) QSO templates

**GAL\_CMASS = 2**

```

GAL_CMASS_ALL = 128
GAL_CMASS_COMM = 4
GAL_CMASS_SPARSE = 8
GAL_IFIBER2_FAINT = 256
GAL_LODPERP_DEPRECATED = 32
GAL_LOZ = 1
QSO_BONUS = 2048
QSO_BONUS_MAIN = 2199023255552
QSO_CORE = 1024
QSO_CORE_ED = 4398046511104
QSO_CORE_LIKE = 8796093022208
QSO_CORE_MAIN = 1099511627776
QSO_FIRST_BOSS = 262144
QSO_KDE = 524288
QSO_KDE_COADD = 65536
QSO_KNOWN_LOHIZ = 8192
QSO_KNOWN_MIDZ = 4096
QSO_KNOWN_SUPPZ = 17592186044416
QSO_LIKE = 131072
QSO_NN = 16384
QSO_UKIDSS = 32768
SDSS_KNOWN = 64
STD_FSTAR = 1048576
STD_QSO = 4194304
STD_WD = 2097152
TEMPLATE_GAL_PHOTO = 4294967296
TEMPLATE_QSO_SDSS1 = 8589934592
TEMPLATE_STAR_PHOTO = 17179869184
TEMPLATE_STAR_SPECTRO = 34359738368

```

```
class bosssdata.bits.CALIB_STATUS
```

```
Bases: object
```

Calibration status for an SDSS image

```
UNPHOT_EXTRAP_CLEAR
```

```
int
```

(1<<2) Extrapolate the solution from the clear part of a night (that was ubercalibrated) to the cloudy part

**UNPHOT\_EXTRAP\_CLOUDY**

*int*

(1<<3) The solution here is based on fitting the a-term to cloudy data.

**PT\_CLEAR**

*int*

(1<<8) PT calibration for clear data

**UNPHOT\_DISJOINT**

*int*

(1<<4) Data is disjoint from the rest of the survey (even though conditions may be photometric), the calibration is suspect

**PS1\_CONTRAIL**

*int*

(1<<7) Comparison to PS1 reveals possible contrail

**DEFAULT**

*int*

(1<<10) a default calibration used

**PHOTOMETRIC**

*int*

(1<<0) Photometric observations

**NO\_UBERCAL**

*int*

(1<<11) not uber-calibrated

**PS1\_PCOMP\_MODEL**

*int*

(1<<13) Enough information for PS1-based principal component flat model

**PS1\_LOW\_RMS**

*int*

(1<<14) Low RMS in comparison with PS1

**PS1\_UNPHOT**

*int*

(1<<6) Comparison to PS1 reveals unphotometric conditions

**PT\_CLOUDY**

*int*

(1<<9) PT calibration for cloudy data

**INCREMENT\_CALIB**

*int*

(1<<5) Incrementally calibrated by considering overlaps with ubercalibrated data

**ASTROMBAD**

*int*

(1<<12) catastrophically bad astrometry

**UNPHOT\_OVERLAP**

*int*

(1<<1) Unphotometric observations, calibrated based on overlaps with clear, ubercalibrated data; this is done on a field-by-field basis

**ASTROMBAD = 4096**

**DEFAULT = 1024**

**INCREMENT\_CALIB = 32**

**NO\_UBERCAL = 2048**

**PHOTOMETRIC = 1**

**PS1\_CONTRAIL = 128**

**PS1\_LOW\_RMS = 16384**

**PS1\_PCOMP\_MODEL = 8192**

**PS1\_UNPHOT = 64**

**PT\_CLEAR = 256**

**PT\_CLOUDY = 512**

**UNPHOT\_DISJOINT = 16**

**UNPHOT\_EXTRAP\_CLEAR = 4**

**UNPHOT\_EXTRAP\_CLOUDY = 8**

**UNPHOT\_OVERLAP = 2**

**class** `bosssdata.bits.EBOSS_TARGET0`

Bases: `object`

targeting bitmask for SEQUELS (eBOSS precursor)

**QSO\_REOBS**

*int*

(1<<12) QSOs from BOSS to be reobserved

**SEQUELS\_COLLIDED**

*int*

(1<<41) Collided galaxies from BOSS

**TDSS\_FES\_VARBAL**

*int*

(1<<35) TDSS Few epoch spectroscopy

**SPIDERS\_ERASS\_AGN**

*int*

(1<<22) ERASS AGN sources

**QSO\_EBOSS\_KDE**

*int*

(1<<13) KDE-selected QSOs (sequels only)

**SPIDERS\_RASS\_AGN**

*int*

(1<<20) RASS AGN sources

**QSO\_EBOSS\_CORE**

*int*

(1<<10) QSOs in XDQSOz+WISE selection for clustering

**SPIDERS\_RASS\_CLUS**

*int*

(1<<21) RASS Cluster sources

**TDSS\_FES\_DE**

*int*

(1<<31) TDSS Few epoch spectroscopy

**LRG\_IZW**

*int*

(1<<1) LRG selection in i/z/W plane

**QSO\_EBOSS\_FIRST**

*int*

(1<<14) Objects with FIRST radio matches

**QSO\_PTF**

*int*

(1<<11) QSOs with variability in PTF imaging

**QSO\_KNOWN**

*int*

(1<<18) Known QSOs from previous surveys

**LRG\_RIW**

*int*

(1<<2) LRG selection in r/i/W plan with (i-z) cut

**TDSS\_FES\_NQHISN**

*int*

(1<<33) TDSS Few epoch spectroscopy

**TDSS\_FES\_DWARFC**

*int*

(1<<32) TDSS Few epoch spectroscopy

**SPIDERS\_ERASS\_CLUS**

*int*

(1<<23) ERASS Cluster sources

**DR9\_CALIB\_TARGET**

*int*

(1<<19) Target found in DR9-calibrated imaging

**DO\_NOT\_OBSERVE**

*int*

(1<<0) Don't put a fiber on this object

**TDSS\_FES\_MGII**

*int*

(1<<34) TDSS Few epoch spectroscopy

**TDSS\_A**

*int*

(1<<30) Main PanSTARRS selection for TDSS

**QSO\_BAD\_BOSS**

*int*

(1<<15) QSOs from BOSS with bad spectra

**QSO\_BOSS\_TARGET**

*int*

(1<<16) Known TARGETS from BOSS with spectra

**QSO\_SDSS\_TARGET**

*int*

(1<<17) Known TARGETS from SDSS with spectra

**SEQUELS\_PTF\_VARIABLE**

*int*

(1<<40) Variability objects from PTF

**DO\_NOT\_OBSERVE = 1**

**DR9\_CALIB\_TARGET = 524288**

**LRG\_IZW = 2**

**LRG\_RIW = 4**

**QSO\_BAD\_BOSS = 32768**

**QSO\_BOSS\_TARGET = 65536**

**QSO\_EBOSS\_CORE = 1024**

**QSO\_EBOSS\_FIRST = 16384**

**QSO\_EBOSS\_KDE = 8192**

**QSO\_KNOWN = 262144**

**QSO\_PTF = 2048**

**QSO\_REOBS = 4096**

**QSO\_SDSS\_TARGET = 131072**

**SEQUELS\_COLLIDED = 219902325552**

**SEQUELS\_PTF\_VARIABLE = 109951162776**

**SPIDERS\_ERASS\_AGN = 4194304**

**SPIDERS\_ERASS\_CLUS = 8388608**

```
SPIDERS_RASS_AGN = 1048576
SPIDERS_RASS_CLUS = 2097152
TDSS_A = 1073741824
TDSS_FES_DE = 2147483648
TDSS_FES_DWARFC = 4294967296
TDSS_FES_MGII = 17179869184
TDSS_FES_NQHISN = 8589934592
TDSS_FES_VARBAL = 34359738368
```

```
class bosssdata.bits.EBOSS_TARGET1
  Bases: object
  targeting bitmask for eBOSS

  QSO1_REOBS
    int
    (1<<12) QSOs from BOSS to be reobserved

  QSO_SDSS_TARGET
    int
    (1<<17) Known TARGETS from SDSS with spectra

  ELG_TEST1
    int
    (1<<40) Test targets for ELG selection

  LRG_KNOWN
    int
    (1<<3) LRG selection in r/i/W plan with (i-z) cut

  STD_QSO
    int
    (1<<52) qso

  LRG1_IDROP
    int
    (1<<2) LRG selection in r/i/W plan with (i-z) cut

  QSO1_EBOSS_FIRST
    int
    (1<<14) Objects with FIRST radio matches

  STD_WD
    int
    (1<<51) white dwarfs

  QSO1_BAD_BOSS
    int
    (1<<15) QSOs from BOSS with bad spectra
```

**QSO1\_EBOSS\_KDE**

*int*

(1<<13) KDE-selected QSOs (sequels only)

**TDSS\_TARGET**

*int*

(1<<30) Target for TDSS (subclass found in eboss\_target2)

**QSO\_BOSS\_TARGET**

*int*

(1<<16) Known TARGETS from BOSS with spectra

**STD\_FSTAR**

*int*

(1<<50) standard f-stars

**QSO\_KNOWN**

*int*

(1<<18) Known QSOs from previous surveys

**QSO1\_EBOSS\_CORE**

*int*

(1<<10) QSOs in XDQSOz+WISE selection for clustering

**DO\_NOT\_OBSERVE**

*int*

(1<<0) Don't put a fiber on this object

**QSO1\_PTF**

*int*

(1<<11) QSOs with variability in PTF imaging

**LRG1\_WISE**

*int*

(1<<1) LRG selection in i/z/W plane

**QSO1\_VAR\_S82**

*int*

(1<<9) Variability-selected QSOs in the repeated Stripe 82 imaging

**SPIDERS\_TARGET**

*int*

(1<<31) Target for SPIDERS (subclass found in eboss\_target2)

**DO\_NOT\_OBSERVE = 1**

**ELG\_TEST1 = 1099511627776**

**LRG1\_IDROP = 4**

**LRG1\_WISE = 2**

**LRG\_KNOWN = 8**

**QSO1\_BAD\_BOSS = 32768**

**QSO1\_EBOSS\_CORE = 1024**

**QSO1\_EBOSS\_FIRST = 16384**

**QSO1\_EBOSS\_KDE = 8192**

**QSO1\_PTF = 2048**

**QSO1\_REOBS = 4096**

**QSO1\_VAR\_S82 = 512**

**QSO\_BOSS\_TARGET = 65536**

**QSO\_KNOWN = 262144**

**QSO\_SDSS\_TARGET = 131072**

**SPIDERS\_TARGET = 2147483648**

**STD\_FSTAR = 1125899906842624**

**STD\_QSO = 4503599627370496**

**STD\_WD = 2251799813685248**

**TDSS\_TARGET = 1073741824**

**class bossdata.bits.EBOSS\_TARGET2**

Bases: object

targeting bitmask for eBOSS

**ELG\_UGRIZWbright\_TEST1**

*int*

(1<<45) WISE selection for test1 ELG plates

**TDSS\_FES\_VARBAL**

*int*

(1<<25) TDSS Few epoch spectroscopy

**SPIDERS\_ERASS\_AGN**

*int*

(1<<2) ERASS AGN sources

**SPIDERS\_RASS\_AGN**

*int*

(1<<0) RASS AGN sources

**TDSS\_CP**

*int*

(1<<31) TDSS in common with CORE/PTF

**TDSS\_FES\_HYPSTAR**

*int*

(1<<28) TDSS Few epoch spectroscopy

**TDSS\_FES\_HYPQSO**

*int*

(1<<27) TDSS Few epoch spectroscopy

**TDSS\_FES\_DE***int*

(1&lt;&lt;21) TDSS Few epoch spectroscopy

**SPIDERS\_RASS\_CLUS***int*

(1&lt;&lt;1) RASS Cluster sources

**TDSS\_FES\_WDDM***int*

(1&lt;&lt;29) TDSS Few epoch spectroscopy

**ELG\_SCUSS\_TEST1***int*

(1&lt;&lt;40) SCUSS selection for test1 ELG plates

**TDSS\_FES\_ACTSTAR***int*

(1&lt;&lt;30) TDSS Few epoch spectroscopy

**TDSS\_FES\_NQHISN***int*

(1&lt;&lt;23) TDSS Few epoch spectroscopy

**SPIDERS\_XMMSL\_AGN***int*

(1&lt;&lt;4) XMM Slew survey

**TDSS\_FES\_DWARFC***int*

(1&lt;&lt;22) TDSS Few epoch spectroscopy

**SPIDERS\_ERASS\_CLUS***int*

(1&lt;&lt;3) ERASS Cluster sources

**ELG\_DES\_TEST1***int*

(1&lt;&lt;41) DES selection for test1 ELG plates

**TDSS\_FES\_MGII***int*

(1&lt;&lt;24) TDSS Few epoch spectroscopy

**TDSS\_A***int*

(1&lt;&lt;20) Main PanSTARRS selection for TDSS

**TDSS\_B***int*

(1&lt;&lt;26) Main TDSS SES version B

**ELG\_GRIW\_TEST1**

*int*

(1<<46) WISE selection for test1 ELG plates

**ELG\_UGRIZW\_TEST1**

*int*

(1<<44) WISE selection for test1 ELG plates

**ELG\_SDSS\_TEST1**

*int*

(1<<43) SDSS-only selection for test1 ELG plates

**SPIDERS\_XCLASS\_CLUS**

*int*

(1<<5) XMM serendipitous clusters

**ELG\_DESI\_TEST1**

*int*

(1<<42) DESI selection for test1 ELG plates

**ELG\_DESI\_TEST1 = 4398046511104**

**ELG\_DES\_TEST1 = 2199023255552**

**ELG\_GRIW\_TEST1 = 70368744177664**

**ELG\_SCUSS\_TEST1 = 1099511627776**

**ELG\_SDSS\_TEST1 = 8796093022208**

**ELG\_UGRIZW\_TEST1 = 17592186044416**

**ELG\_UGRIZWbright\_TEST1 = 35184372088832**

**SPIDERS\_ERASS\_AGN = 4**

**SPIDERS\_ERASS\_CLUS = 8**

**SPIDERS\_RASS\_AGN = 1**

**SPIDERS\_RASS\_CLUS = 2**

**SPIDERS\_XCLASS\_CLUS = 32**

**SPIDERS\_XMMSL\_AGN = 16**

**TDSS\_A = 1048576**

**TDSS\_B = 67108864**

**TDSS\_CP = 2147483648**

**TDSS\_FES\_ACTSTAR = 1073741824**

**TDSS\_FES\_DE = 2097152**

**TDSS\_FES\_DWARFC = 4194304**

**TDSS\_FES\_HYPQSO = 134217728**

**TDSS\_FES\_HYPSTAR = 268435456**

**TDSS\_FES\_MGII = 16777216**

**TDSS\_FES\_NQHISN = 8388608**

**TDSS\_FES\_VARBAL = 33554432**

**TDSS\_FES\_WDDM = 536870912**

**class** `bosssdata.bits.FLUXMATCH_STATUS`

Bases: `object`

Flags from flux-based matching to SDSS photometry

**FIBER\_FLUXMATCH**

*int*

(1<<1) flagged due to fiberflux/aperflux issue

**BRIGHTEST\_FLUXMATCH**

*int*

(1<<5) picked the brightest child

**NONMATCH\_FLUXMATCH**

*int*

(1<<2) flagged due to non-match

**ORIGINAL\_FLUXMATCH**

*int*

(1<<0) used the original positional match (which exists)

**PARENT\_FLUXMATCH**

*int*

(1<<4) overlapping parent has no children, so used it

**NOPARENT\_FLUXMATCH**

*int*

(1<<3) no overlapping parent in primary field

**BRIGHTEST\_FLUXMATCH = 32**

**FIBER\_FLUXMATCH = 2**

**NONMATCH\_FLUXMATCH = 4**

**NOPARENT\_FLUXMATCH = 8**

**ORIGINAL\_FLUXMATCH = 1**

**PARENT\_FLUXMATCH = 16**

**class** `bosssdata.bits.IMAGE_STATUS`

Bases: `object`

Sky and instrument conditions of SDSS image

**DEAD\_CCD**

*int*

(1<<8) CCD bad (unphotometric)

**BAD\_ROTATOR**

*int*

(1<<3) Rotator problems (set score=0)

**UNKNOWN**

*int*

(1<<2) Sky conditions unknown (unphotometric)

**CLEAR**

*int*

(1<<0) Clear skies

**BAD\_ASTROM**

*int*

(1<<4) Astrometry problems (set score=0)

**BAD\_FOCUS**

*int*

(1<<5) Focus bad (set score=0)

**CLOUDY**

*int*

(1<<1) Cloudy skies (unphotometric)

**FF\_PETALS**

*int*

(1<<7) Flat-field petals out of place (unphotometric)

**NOISY\_CCD**

*int*

(1<<9) CCD noisy (unphotometric)

**SHUTTERS**

*int*

(1<<6) Shutter out of place (set score=0)

**BAD\_ASTROM = 16**

**BAD\_FOCUS = 32**

**BAD\_ROTATOR = 8**

**CLEAR = 1**

**CLOUDY = 2**

**DEAD\_CCD = 256**

**FF\_PETALS = 128**

**NOISY\_CCD = 512**

**SHUTTERS = 64**

**UNKNOWN = 4**

**class** bossdata.bits.**MANGA\_DAPQUAL**

Bases: object

Mask bits for MaNGA DAP quality flags

**VALIDFILE**

*int*

(1<<0) File is valid

**VALIDFILE = 1**

**class** `bosssdata.bits.MANGA_DRP2PIXMASK`

Bases: `object`

Mask bits per fiber or pixel for 2d MaNGA spectra.

**BRIGHTSKY**

*int*

(1<<24) Sky level > flux + 10\*(flux\_err) AND sky > 1.25 \* median(sky,99 pixels)

**SMEARHIGHSN**

*int*

(1<<11) S/N sufficient for full smear fit

**MANYBADCOLUMNS**

*int*

(1<<4) More than 10% of pixels are bad columns

**BADARC**

*int*

(1<<3) Bad arc solution

**REDMONSTER**

*int*

(1<<29) Contiguous region of bad  $\chi^2$  in sky residuals (with threshold of relative  $\chi^2 > 3$ ).

**BADTRACE**

*int*

(1<<1) Bad trace

**FULLREJECT**

*int*

(1<<19) Pixel fully rejected in extraction model fit (INVVAR=0)

**NOPLUG**

*int*

(1<<0) Fiber not listed in plugmap file

**NEARWHOPPER**

*int*

(1<<8) Within 2 fibers of a whopping fiber (exclusive)

**MANYREJECTED**

*int*

(1<<5) More than 10% of pixels are rejected in extraction

**LARGESHIFT**

*int*

(1<<6) Large spatial shift between flat and object position

**NOSKY**

*int*

(1<<23) Sky level unknown at this wavelength (INVVAR=0)

**WHOPPER**

*int*

(1<<9) Whopping fiber, with a very bright source.

**BADFLUXFACTOR**

*int*

(1<<27) Low flux-calibration or flux-correction factor

**CROSSTALK**

*int*

(1<<22) Cross-talk significant

**COSMIC**

*int*

(1<<16) Pixel flagged as cosmic ray.

**DEADFIBER**

*int*

(1<<13) Broken fiber according to metrology files

**SMEARIMAGE**

*int*

(1<<10) Smear available for red and blue cameras

**COMBINEREJ**

*int*

(1<<26) Rejected in combine B-spline

**BADSKYFIBER**

*int*

(1<<7) Sky fiber shows extreme residuals

**PARTIALREJECT**

*int*

(1<<20) Some pixels rejected in extraction model fit

**LOWFLAT**

*int*

(1<<18) Flat field less than 0.5

**NODATA**

*int*

(1<<25) No data available in combine B-spline (INVVAR=0)

**BADSKYCHI**

*int*

(1<<28) Relative  $\chi^2 > 3$  in sky residuals at this wavelength

**SCATTEREDLIGHT**

*int*

(1<<21) Scattered light significant

**NEARBADPIXEL***int*

(1&lt;&lt;17) Bad pixel within 3 pixels of trace.

**\_3DREJECT***int*

(1&lt;&lt;30) Used in RSS file, indicates should be rejected when making 3D cube

**BADFLAT***int*

(1&lt;&lt;2) Low counts in fiberflat

**BADPIX***int*

(1&lt;&lt;15) Pixel flagged in badpix reference file.

**SMEARMEDSN***int*

(1&lt;&lt;12) S/N only sufficient for scaled median fit

**BADARC = 8****BADFLAT = 4****BADFLUXFACTOR = 134217728****BADPIX = 32768****BADSKYCHI = 268435456****BADSKYFIBER = 128****BADTRACE = 2****BRIGHTSKY = 16777216****COMBINEREJ = 67108864****COSMIC = 65536****CROSSTALK = 4194304****DEADFIBER = 8192****FULLREJECT = 524288****LARGESHIFT = 64****LOWFLAT = 262144****MANYBADCOLUMNS = 16****MANYREJECTED = 32****NEARBADPIXEL = 131072****NEARWHOPPER = 256****NODATA = 33554432****NOPLUG = 1****NOSKY = 8388608****PARTIALREJECT = 1048576**

**REDMONSTER = 536870912**

**SCATTEREDLIGHT = 2097152**

**SMEARHIGHSN = 2048**

**SMEARIMAGE = 1024**

**SMEARMEDSN = 4096**

**WHOPPER = 512**

**class** bossdata.bits.**MANGA\_DRP2QUAL**

Bases: object

Mask bits for MaNGA DRP-2d quality flags

**FULLCLOUD**

*int*

(1<<12) Completely cloudy exposure

**LOWEXPTIME**

*int*

(1<<3) Exposure time less than 10 minutes

**EXTRACTBRIGHT**

*int*

(1<<2) Extracted spectra abnormally bright

**SKYSUBBAD**

*int*

(1<<10) Bad sky subtraction

**BADIFU**

*int*

(1<<4) One or more IFUs missing/bad in this frame

**SKYSUBFAIL**

*int*

(1<<11) Failed sky subtraction

**ARCFOCUS**

*int*

(1<<8) Bad focus on arc frames

**EXTRACTBAD**

*int*

(1<<1) Many bad values in extracted frame

**SCATFAIL**

*int*

(1<<6) Failure to correct high scattered light levels

**RAMPAGINGBUNNY**

*int*

(1<<9) Rampaging dust bunnies in IFU flats

**BADDITHER***int*

(1&lt;&lt;7) Bad dither location information

**HIGHSCAT***int*

(1&lt;&lt;5) High scattered light levels

**VALIDFILE***int*

(1&lt;&lt;0) File is valid

**ARCFOCUS = 256****BADDITHER = 128****BADIFU = 16****EXTRACTBAD = 2****EXTRACTBRIGHT = 4****FULLCLOUD = 4096****HIGHSCAT = 32****LOWEXPTIME = 8****RAMPAGINGBUNNY = 512****SCATFAIL = 64****SKYSUBBAD = 1024****SKYSUBFAIL = 2048****VALIDFILE = 1****class** bosssdata.bits.**MANGA\_DRP3PIXMASK**

Bases: object

Mask bits per spaxel for a MaNGA data cube.

**DEADFIBER***int*

(1&lt;&lt;2) Major contributing fiber is dead

**NOCOV***int*

(1&lt;&lt;0) No coverage in cube

**DONOTUSE***int*

(1&lt;&lt;10) Do not use this spaxel for science

**LOWCOV***int*

(1&lt;&lt;1) Low coverage depth in cube

**FORESTAR**

*int*

(1<<3) Foreground star

**DEADFIBER = 4**

**DONOTUSE = 1024**

**FORESTAR = 8**

**LOWCOV = 2**

**NOCOV = 1**

**class** bossdata.bits.**MANGA\_DRP3QUAL**

Bases: object

Mask bits for MaNGA DRP-3d quality flags

**VALIDFILE**

*int*

(1<<0) File is valid

**SKYSUBBAD**

*int*

(1<<2) Bad sky subtraction in one or more frames

**BADDEPTH**

*int*

(1<<1) IFU does not reach target depth

**BADOMEGA**

*int*

(1<<6) Omega greater than threshold in one or more sets

**BADSET**

*int*

(1<<7) One or more sets are bad

**CRITICAL**

*int*

(1<<30) Critical failure in one or more frames

**BADASTROM**

*int*

(1<<4) Bad astrometry in one or more frames

**VARIABLELSF**

*int*

(1<<5) LSF varies signif. between component spectra

**BADFLUX**

*int*

(1<<8) Bad flux calibration

# **HIGHSCAT**

*int*

(1<<3) High scattered light in one or more frames

**BADASTROM = 16**

**BADDEPTH = 2**

**BADFLUX = 256**

**BADOMEGA = 64**

**BADSET = 128**

**CRITICAL = 1073741824**

**HIGHSCAT = 8**

**SKYSUBBAD = 4**

**VALIDFILE = 1**

**VARIABLELSF = 32**

**class** `bosssdata.bits.MANGA_TARGET1`

Bases: `object`

Mask bits identifying galaxy samples.

**SECONDARY\_COM2**

*int*

(1<<8) July 2014 commissioning

**PRIMARY\_v1\_1\_0**

*int*

(1<<4) First tag, August 2014 plates

**NONE**

*int*

(1<<0)

**SECONDARY\_v1\_1\_0**

*int*

(1<<5) First tag, August 2014 plates

**COLOR\_ENHANCED\_v1\_1\_0**

*int*

(1<<6) First tag, August 2014 plates

**PRIMARY\_v1\_2\_0**

*int*

(1<<10)

**FILLER**

*int*

(1<<13) Filler targets

**SECONDARY\_v1\_2\_0**

*int*

(1<<11)  
**COLOR\_ENHANCED\_COM2**  
*int*  
(1<<9) July 2014 commissioning  
**COLOR\_ENHANCED\_COM**  
*int*  
(1<<3) March 2014 commissioning  
**PRIMARY\_PLUS\_COM**  
*int*  
(1<<1) March 2014 commissioning  
**ANCILLARY**  
*int*  
(1<<14) Ancillary program targets  
**SECONDARY\_COM**  
*int*  
(1<<2) March 2014 commissioning  
**COLOR\_ENHANCED\_v1\_2\_0**  
*int*  
(1<<12)  
**PRIMARY\_COM2**  
*int*  
(1<<7) July 2014 commissioning  
**ANCILLARY = 16384**  
**COLOR\_ENHANCED\_COM = 8**  
**COLOR\_ENHANCED\_COM2 = 512**  
**COLOR\_ENHANCED\_v1\_1\_0 = 64**  
**COLOR\_ENHANCED\_v1\_2\_0 = 4096**  
**FILLER = 8192**  
**NONE = 1**  
**PRIMARY\_COM2 = 128**  
**PRIMARY\_PLUS\_COM = 2**  
**PRIMARY\_v1\_1\_0 = 16**  
**PRIMARY\_v1\_2\_0 = 1024**  
**SECONDARY\_COM = 4**  
**SECONDARY\_COM2 = 256**  
**SECONDARY\_v1\_1\_0 = 32**  
**SECONDARY\_v1\_2\_0 = 2048**

```
class bosssdata.bits.MANGA_TARGET2
    Bases: object

    Mask bits identifying non-galaxy samples.

    NONE
        int

        (1<<0)

    STD_WD_COM
        int

        (1<<21)

    STELLIB_2MASS_COM
        int

        (1<<3) Commissioning selection using 2MASS photometry

    STD_STD_COM
        int

        (1<<22)

    SKY
        int

        (1<<1)

    STELLIB_COM_mar2015
        int

        (1<<5) Commissioning selection in March 2015

    STELLIB_KNOWN_COM
        int

        (1<<4) Commissioning selection of known parameter stars

    STELLIB_SDSS_COM
        int

        (1<<2) Commissioning selection using SDSS photometry

    STD_APASS_COM
        int

        (1<<25) Commissioning selection of stds using APASS photometry

    STD_FSTAR
        int

        (1<<23)

    STD_FSTAR_COM
        int

        (1<<20)

    STD_WD
        int

        (1<<24)

    NONE = 1
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SKY = 2
STD_APASS_COM = 33554432
STD_FSTAR = 8388608
STD_FSTAR_COM = 1048576
STD_STD_COM = 4194304
STD_WD = 16777216
STD_WD_COM = 2097152
STELLIB_2MASS_COM = 8
STELLIB_COM_mar2015 = 32
STELLIB_KNOWN_COM = 16
STELLIB_SDSS_COM = 4

```

```

class bossdata.bits.MANGA_TARGET3
    Bases: object

```

Mask bits identifying ancillary samples.

**AGN\_WISE**

*int*

(1<<3)

**NONE**

*int*

(1<<0)

**DEEP\_COMA**

*int*

(1<<19)

**LETTERS**

*int*

(1<<11)

**DWARF**

*int*

(1<<14)

**AGN\_PALOMAR**

*int*

(1<<4)

**EDGE\_ON\_WINDS**

*int*

(1<<6)

**VOID**

*int*

(1<<5)

**BCG**

*int*

(1<<17)

**PAIR\_RECENTER**

*int*

(1<<8)

**RADIO\_JETS**

*int*

(1<<15)

**ANGST**

*int*

(1<<18)

**MWA**

*int*

(1<<13)

**AGN\_OIII**

*int*

(1<<2)

**MASSIVE**

*int*

(1<<12)

**PAIR\_ENLARGE**

*int*

(1<<7)

**PAIR\_SIM**

*int*

(1<<9)

**DISKMASS**

*int*

(1<<16)

**AGN\_BAT**

*int*

(1<<1)

**PAIR\_2IFU**

*int*

(1<<10)

**AGN\_BAT = 2**

**AGN\_OIII = 4**

**AGN\_PALOMAR = 16**

**AGN\_WISE = 8**

**ANGST** = 262144  
**BCG** = 131072  
**DEEP\_COMA** = 524288  
**DISKMASS** = 65536  
**DWARF** = 16384  
**EDGE\_ON\_WINDS** = 64  
**LETTERS** = 2048  
**MASSIVE** = 4096  
**MWA** = 8192  
**NONE** = 1  
**PAIR\_2IFU** = 1024  
**PAIR\_ENLARGE** = 128  
**PAIR\_RECENTER** = 256  
**PAIR\_SIM** = 512  
**RADIO\_JETS** = 32768  
**VOID** = 32

**class** bossdata.bits.**M\_EYEBALL**  
 Bases: object

Eyeball flags for mergers in VAGC

**QUESTIONABLE**

*int*

(1<<2)

**DRY**

*int*

(1<<3)

**MAJOR**

*int*

(1<<7)

**REPEAT**

*int*

(1<<12)

**MULTIPLE**

*int*

(1<<8)

**ALL\_RED**

*int*

(1<<9)

**SHELLS***int*

(1&lt;&lt;5)

**NOT\_MERGER***int*

(1&lt;&lt;1)

**TIDAL\_TAILS***int*

(1&lt;&lt;4)

**ALL\_BLUE***int*

(1&lt;&lt;10)

**AFTER***int*

(1&lt;&lt;15)

**DONE***int*

(1&lt;&lt;0)

**DURING***int*

(1&lt;&lt;14)

**MIXED\_REDBLUE***int*

(1&lt;&lt;11)

**RING***int*

(1&lt;&lt;6)

**BEFORE***int*

(1&lt;&lt;13)

**AFTER = 32768****ALL\_BLUE = 1024****ALL\_RED = 512****BEFORE = 8192****DONE = 1****DRY = 8****DURING = 16384****MAJOR = 128****MIXED\_REDBLUE = 2048**

**MULTIPLE = 256**

**NOT\_MERGER = 2**

**QUESTIONABLE = 4**

**REPEAT = 4096**

**RING = 64**

**SHELLS = 32**

**TIDAL\_TAILS = 16**

**class** `bosssdata.bits.OBJECT1`

Bases: `object`

Object flags from photo reductions for SDSS (first 32)

**NOPROFILE**

*int*

(1<<7) Frames couldn't extract a radial profile.

**INTERP**

*int*

(1<<17) The object contains interpolated pixels (e.g. cosmic rays or bad columns).

**BRIGHT**

*int*

(1<<1) Indicates that the object was detected as a bright object. Since these are typically remeasured as faint objects, most users can ignore BRIGHT objects.

**DEBLENDED\_AS\_PSF**

*int*

(1<<25) When deblending an object, in this band this child was treated as a PSF.

**NOSTOKES**

*int*

(1<<21) Object has no measured Stokes parameters.

**BAD\_RADIAL**

*int*

(1<<15) Measured profile includes points with a S/N <= 0. In practice this flag is essentially meaningless.

**PEAKCENTER**

*int*

(1<<5) Given center is position of peak pixel, as attempts to determine a better centroid failed.

**NOTCHECKED**

*int*

(1<<19) Object includes pixels that were not checked for peaks, for example the unsmoothed edges of frames, and the cores of subtracted or saturated stars.

**DEBLEND\_TOO\_MANY\_PEAKS**

*int*

(1<<11) The object had the OBJECT1\_DEBLEND flag set, but it contained too many candidate children to be fully deblended. This flag is only set in the parent, i.e. the object with too many peaks.

**TOO\_LARGE***int*

(1<<24) The object is (as it says) too large. Either the object is still detectable at the outermost point of the extracted radial profile (a radius of approximately 260 arcsec), or when attempting to deblend an object, at least one child is larger than half a frame (in either row or column).

**SATUR***int*

(1<<18) The object contains saturated pixels; INTERP is also set.

**BADSKY***int*

(1<<22) The estimated sky level is so bad that the central value of the radial profile is crazily negative; this is usually the result of the subtraction of the wings of bright stars failing.

**BINNED2***int*

(1<<29) The object was detected in a 2x2 binned image after all unbinned detections have been replaced by the background level.

**CANONICAL\_CENTER***int*

(1<<0) The quantities (psf counts, model fits and likelihoods) that are usually determined at an object's center as determined band-by-band were in fact determined at the canonical center (suitably transformed). This is due to the object being too close to the edge to extract a profile at the local center, and OBJECT1\_EDGE is also set.

**MANYPETRO***int*

(1<<9) Object has more than one possible Petrosian radius.

**BINNED1***int*

(1<<28) The object was detected in an unbinned image.

**CHILD***int*

(1<<4) Object is a child, created by the deblender.

**NODEBLEND***int*

(1<<6) Although this object was marked as a blend, no deblending was attempted.

**INCOMPLETE\_PROFILE***int*

(1<<16) A circle, centered on the object, of radius the canonical Petrosian radius extends beyond the edge of the frame. The radial profile is still measured from those parts of the object that do lie on the frame.

**DEBLEND\_PRUNED***int*

(1<<26) When solving for the weights to be assigned to each child the deblender encountered a nearly singular matrix, and therefore deleted at least one of them.

**PETROFAINT**

*int*

(1<<23) At least one candidate Petrosian radius occurred at an unacceptably low surface brightness.

**MOVED**

*int*

(1<<31) The object appears to have moved during the exposure. Such objects are candidates to be de-blended as moving objects.

**CR**

*int*

(1<<12) Object contains at least one pixel which was contaminated by a cosmic ray. The OBJECT1\_INTERP flag is also set. This flag does not mean that this object is a cosmic ray; rather it means that a cosmic ray has been removed.

**BINNED4**

*int*

(1<<30) The object was detected in a 4x4 binned image. The objects detected in the 2x2 binned image are not removed before doing this.

**SUBTRACTED**

*int*

(1<<20) Object (presumably a star) had wings subtracted.

**ELLIPFAINT**

*int*

(1<<27) No isophotal fits were performed.

**MANYR90**

*int*

(1<<14) More than one radius was found to contain 90% of the Petrosian flux. (For this to happen part of the radial profile must be negative).

**MANYR50**

*int*

(1<<13) More than one radius was found to contain 50% of the Petrosian flux. (For this to happen part of the radial profile must be negative).

**EDGE**

*int*

(1<<2) Object is too close to edge of frame in this band.

**BLENDED**

*int*

(1<<3) Object was determined to be a blend. The flag is set if: more than one peak is detected within an object in a single band together; distinct peaks are found when merging different colours of one object together; or distinct peaks result when merging different objects together.

**NOPETRO\_BIG**

*int*

(1<<10) The Petrosian ratio has not fallen to the value at which the Petrosian radius is defined at the outermost point of the extracted radial profile. NOPETRO is set, and the Petrosian radius is set to the outermost point in the profile.

**NOPETRO**

*int*

(1<<8) No Petrosian radius or other Petrosian quantities could be measured.

**BADSKY = 4194304**

**BAD\_RADIAL = 32768**

**BINNED1 = 268435456**

**BINNED2 = 536870912**

**BINNED4 = 1073741824**

**BLENDED = 8**

**BRIGHT = 2**

**CANONICAL\_CENTER = 1**

**CHILD = 16**

**CR = 4096**

**DEBLENDED\_AS\_PSF = 33554432**

**DEBLEND\_PRUNED = 67108864**

**DEBLEND\_TOO\_MANY\_PEAKE = 2048**

**EDGE = 4**

**ELLIPFAINT = 134217728**

**INCOMPLETE\_PROFILE = 65536**

**INTERP = 131072**

**MANYPETRO = 512**

**MANYR50 = 8192**

**MANYR90 = 16384**

**MOVED = 2147483648**

**NODEBLEND = 64**

**NOPETRO = 256**

**NOPETRO\_BIG = 1024**

**NOPROFILE = 128**

**NOSTOKES = 2097152**

**NOTCHECKED = 524288**

**PEAKCENTER = 32**

**PETROFAINT = 8388608**

**SATUR = 262144**

**SUBTRACTED = 1048576**

**TOO\_LARGE = 16777216**

**class** bossdata.bits.OBJECT2

Bases: object

Object flags from photo reductions for SDSS (second 32)

**AMOMENT\_UNWEIGHTED**

*int*

(1<<21) 'Adaptive' moments are actually unweighted.

**HAS\_SATUR\_DN**

*int*

(1<<27) This object is saturated in this band and the bleed trail doesn't touch the edge of the frame, we we've made an attempt to add up all the flux in the bleed trails, and to include it in the object's photometry.

**DEBLEND\_PEEPHOLE**

*int*

(1<<28) The deblend was modified by the optimizer

**BAD\_MOVING\_FIT\_CHILD**

*int*

(1<<9) A putative moving child's velocity fit was too poor, so it was discarded, and the parent was not deblended as moving

**NOTCHECKED\_CENTER**

*int*

(1<<26) Center of object lies in a NOTCHECKED region. The object is almost certainly bogus.

**LOCAL\_EDGE**

*int*

(1<<7) The object's center in some band was too close to the edge of the frame to extract a profile.

**DEBLENDED\_AS\_MOVING**

*int*

(1<<0) The object has the MOVED flag set, and was deblended on the assumption that it was moving.

**SATUR\_CENTER**

*int*

(1<<11) An object's center is very close to at least one saturated pixel; the object may well be causing the saturation.

**INTERP\_CENTER**

*int*

(1<<12) An object's center is very close to at least one interpolated pixel.

**AMOMENT\_MAXITER**

*int*

(1<<23) Too many iterations while determining adaptive moments.

**BAD\_MOVING\_FIT**

*int*

(1<<3) The fit to the object as a moving object is too bad to be believed.

**AMOMENT\_SHIFT**

*int*

(1<<22) Object's center moved too far while determining adaptive moments. In this case, the M\_e1 and M\_e2 give the (row, column) shift, not the object's shape.

**DEBLEND\_NOPEAK**

*int*

(1<<14) A child had no detected peak in a given band, but we centroided it anyway and set the BINNED1

**STATIONARY**

*int*

(1<<4) A moving objects velocity is consistent with zero

**PSF\_FLUX\_INTERP**

*int*

(1<<15) The fraction of light actually detected (as opposed to guessed at by the interpolator) was less than some number (currently 80%) of the total.

**MAYBE\_EGHOST**

*int*

(1<<25) Object appears in the right place to be an electronics ghost.

**DEBLENDED\_AT\_EDGE**

*int*

(1<<13) An object so close to the edge of the frame that it would not ordinarily be deblended has been deblended anyway. Only set for objects large enough to be EDGE in all fields/strips.

**CENTER\_OFF\_AIMAGE**

*int*

(1<<17) At least one peak's center lay off the atlas image in some band. This can happen when the object's being deblended as moving, or if the astrometry is badly confused.

**MAYBE\_CR**

*int*

(1<<24) This object may be a cosmic ray. This bit can get set in the cores of bright stars, and is quite likely to be set for the cores of saturated stars.

**NODEBLEND\_MOVING**

*int*

(1<<1) The object has the MOVED flag set, but was not deblended as a moving object.

**BRIGHTEST\_GALAXY\_CHILD**

*int*

(1<<19) This is the brightest child galaxy in a blend.

**DEBLEND\_DEGENERATE**

*int*

(1<<18) At least one potential child has been pruned because its template was too similar to some other child's template.

**TOO\_FEW\_GOOD\_DETECTIONS**

*int*

(1<<16) A child of this object had too few good detections to be deblended as moving.

**BINNED\_CENTER**

*int*

(1<<6) When centroiding the object the object's size is larger than the (PSF) filter used to smooth the image.

**DEBLEND\_UNASSIGNED\_FLUX**

*int*

(1<<10) After deblending, the fraction of flux assigned to none of the children was too large (this flux is then shared out as described elsewhere).

**BAD\_COUNTS\_ERROR**

*int*

(1<<8) An object containing interpolated pixels had too few good pixels to form a reliable estimate of its error

**SPARE1**

*int*

(1<<31)

**PEAKS\_TOO\_CLOSE**

*int*

(1<<5) Peaks in object were too close (set only in parent objects).

**SPARE3**

*int*

(1<<29)

**SPARE2**

*int*

(1<<30)

**TOO\_FEW\_DETECTIONS**

*int*

(1<<2) The object has the MOVED flag set, but has too few detection to be deblended as moving.

**CANONICAL\_BAND**

*int*

(1<<20) This band was the canonical band. This is the band used to measure the Petrosian radius used to calculate the Petrosian counts in each band, and to define the model used to calculate model colors; it has no effect upon the coordinate system used for the OBJC center.

**AMOMENT\_MAXITER = 8388608**

**AMOMENT\_SHIFT = 4194304**

**AMOMENT\_UNWEIGHTED = 2097152**

**BAD\_COUNTS\_ERROR = 256**

**BAD\_MOVING\_FIT = 8**

**BAD\_MOVING\_FIT\_CHILD = 512**

**BINNED\_CENTER = 64**

**BRIGHTEST\_GALAXY\_CHILD = 524288**

**CANONICAL\_BAND = 1048576**

**CENTER\_OFF\_AIMAGE = 131072**

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DEBLENDED_AS_MOVING = 1
DEBLENDED_AT_EDGE = 8192
DEBLEND_DEGENERATE = 262144
DEBLEND_NOPEAK = 16384
DEBLEND_PEEPHOLE = 268435456
DEBLEND_UNASSIGNED_FLUX = 1024
HAS_SATUR_DN = 134217728
INTERP_CENTER = 4096
LOCAL_EDGE = 128
MAYBE_CR = 16777216
MAYBE_EGHOST = 33554432
NODEBLEND_MOVING = 2
NOTCHECKED_CENTER = 67108864
PEAKS_TOO_CLOSE = 32
PSF_FLUX_INTERP = 32768
SATUR_CENTER = 2048
SPARE1 = 2147483648
SPARE2 = 1073741824
SPARE3 = 536870912
STATIONARY = 16
TOO_FEW_DETECTIONS = 4
TOO_FEW_GOOD_DETECTIONS = 65536

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```
class bosssdata.bits.Q_EYEBALL
```

```
    Bases: object
```

```
    Quality eyeball flags from VAGC
```

```
    GOOD_Z
```

```
        int
```

```
        (1<<26)
```

```
    QSO_ON_GALAXY
```

```
        int
```

```
        (1<<18)
```

```
    BAD_DEBLEND
```

```
        int
```

```
        (1<<4)
```

```
    UNCLASSIFIABLE
```

```
        int
```

```
        (1<<2)
```

**DONE**  
*int*  
(1<<0)

**USE\_PARENT**  
*int*  
(1<<15)

**SATELLITE**  
*int*  
(1<<10)

**DOUBLE\_Z**  
*int*  
(1<<23)

**USE\_CHILD\_IMAGE**  
*int*  
(1<<27)

**IS\_STAR**  
*int*  
(1<<22)

**USE\_CHILD\_SPECTRUM**  
*int*  
(1<<28)

**IN\_HUGE\_OBJECT**  
*int*  
(1<<16)

**BAD\_SPEC\_CLASS**  
*int*  
(1<<14)

**DOUBLE\_STAR**  
*int*  
(1<<6)

**HII**  
*int*  
(1<<7)

**BAD\_SPECTRUM**  
*int*  
(1<<20)

**BAD\_PARENT\_CENTER**  
*int*  
(1<<25)

**INTERNAL\_REFLECTION***int*

(1&lt;&lt;13)

**EDGE***int*

(1&lt;&lt;9)

**OTHER***int*

(1&lt;&lt;1)

**FLECK***int*

(1&lt;&lt;5)

**BAD\_Z***int*

(1&lt;&lt;12)

**POSSIBLE\_LENS***int*

(1&lt;&lt;21)

**USE\_ANYWAY***int*

(1&lt;&lt;8)

**NEED\_BIGGER\_IMAGE***int*

(1&lt;&lt;3)

**STAR\_ON\_GALAXY***int*

(1&lt;&lt;17)

**PLANETARY\_NEBULA***int*

(1&lt;&lt;24)

**PLANE***int*

(1&lt;&lt;11)

**NEGATIVE\_QSO\_FIT***int*

(1&lt;&lt;19)

**BAD\_DEBLEND = 16****BAD\_PARENT\_CENTER = 33554432****BAD\_SPECTRUM = 1048576****BAD\_SPEC\_CLASS = 16384**

**BAD\_Z** = 4096  
**DONE** = 1  
**DOUBLE\_STAR** = 64  
**DOUBLE\_Z** = 8388608  
**EDGE** = 512  
**FLECK** = 32  
**GOOD\_Z** = 67108864  
**HII** = 128  
**INTERNAL\_REFLECTION** = 8192  
**IN\_HUGE\_OBJECT** = 65536  
**IS\_STAR** = 4194304  
**NEED\_BIGGER\_IMAGE** = 8  
**NEGATIVE\_QSO\_FIT** = 524288  
**OTHER** = 2  
**PLANE** = 2048  
**PLANETARY\_NEBULA** = 16777216  
**POSSIBLE\_LENS** = 2097152  
**QSO\_ON\_GALAXY** = 262144  
**SATELLITE** = 1024  
**STAR\_ON\_GALAXY** = 131072  
**UNCLASSIFIABLE** = 4  
**USE\_ANYWAY** = 256  
**USE\_CHILD\_IMAGE** = 134217728  
**USE\_CHILD\_SPECTRUM** = 268435456  
**USE\_PARENT** = 32768

**class** `bosssdata.bits.RESOLVE_STATUS`

Bases: `object`

Resolve status for an SDSS catalog entry. Only one of bits `RUN_PRIMARY`, `RUN_RAMP`, `RUN_OVERLAPONLY`, `RUN_IGNORE`, and `RUN_DUPLICATE` can be set. `RUN_EDGE` can be set for any object. To get a unique set of objects across the whole survey, search for objects with `SURVEY_PRIMARY` set. To get a unique set of objects within a run, search for objects with `RUN_PRIMARY` set.

**SURVEY\_BADFIELD**

*int*

(1<<11) In field with score=0

**RUN\_EDGE**

*int*

(1<<4) near lowest or highest column

**RUN\_OVERLAPONLY***int*

(1<<2) only appears in the overlap between two fields

**SURVEY\_PRIMARY***int*

(1<<8) Primary observation within the full survey, where it appears in the primary observation of this part of the sky

**RUN\_IGNORE***int*

(1<<3) bright or parent object that should be ignored

**RUN\_PRIMARY***int*

(1<<0) primary within the objects own run (but not necessarily for the survey as a whole)

**SURVEY\_BEST***int*

(1<<9) Best observation within the full survey, but it does not appear in the primary observation of this part of the sky

**SURVEY\_SECONDARY***int*

(1<<10) Repeat (independent) observation of an object that has a different primary or best observation

**RUN\_DUPLICATE***int*

(1<<5) duplicate measurement of same pixels in two different fields

**SURVEY\_EDGE***int*

(1<<12) Not kept as secondary because it is RUN\_RAMP or RUN\_EDGE object

**RUN\_RAMP***int*

(1<<1) in what would be the overlap area of a field, but with no neighboring field

**RUN\_DUPLICATE = 32****RUN\_EDGE = 16****RUN\_IGNORE = 8****RUN\_OVERLAPONLY = 4****RUN\_PRIMARY = 1****RUN\_RAMP = 2****SURVEY\_BADFIELD = 2048****SURVEY\_BEST = 512****SURVEY\_EDGE = 4096****SURVEY\_PRIMARY = 256****SURVEY\_SECONDARY = 1024**

```
class bossdata.bits.SEGUE1_TARGET
    Bases: object

    SEGUE-1 primary target bits

    SEGUE1_BHB
        int

        (1<<13) blue horizontal branch star

    SEGUE1_AGB
        int

        (1<<23) asympototic giant branch stars

    SEGUE1_MSWD
        int

        (1<<12) main-sequence, white dwarf pair

    SEG1LOW_TO
        int

        (1<<11) low latitude selection of bluetip stars

    SEGUE1_SDM
        int

        (1<<22) M sub-dwarfs

    SEGUE1_BD
        int

        (1<<21) brown dwarfs

    SEGUE1_LM
        int

        (1<<16) low metallicity star

    SEGUE1_WD
        int

        (1<<19) white dwarf

    SEGUE1_MAN
        int

        (1<<24) manual selection

    SEG1LOW_KG
        int

        (1<<10) low latitude selection of K-giant stars

    SEGUE1_CHECKED
        int

        (1<<31) was a checked object

    SEGUE1_CWD
        int

        (1<<17) cool white dwarf
```

**SEGUE1\_MPMSTO***int*

(1&lt;&lt;20) metal-poor main sequence turn-off

**SEG1LOW\_AGB***int*

(1&lt;&lt;27) low latitude selection of AGB stars

**SEGUE1\_GD***int*

(1&lt;&lt;18) G-dwarf

**SEGUE1\_FG***int*(1<<9) F and G stars, based on g-r color ( $0.2 < g-r < 0.48$  and  $14 < g < 20.2$ )**SEGUE1\_KD***int*

(1&lt;&lt;15) K-dwarfs

**SEGUE1\_KG***int*

(1&lt;&lt;14) K-giants (l and red)

**SEG1LOW\_AGB = 134217728****SEG1LOW\_KG = 1024****SEG1LOW\_TO = 2048****SEGUE1\_AGB = 8388608****SEGUE1\_BD = 2097152****SEGUE1\_BHB = 8192****SEGUE1\_CHECKED = 2147483648****SEGUE1\_CWD = 131072****SEGUE1\_FG = 512****SEGUE1\_GD = 262144****SEGUE1\_KD = 32768****SEGUE1\_KG = 16384****SEGUE1\_LM = 65536****SEGUE1\_MAN = 16777216****SEGUE1\_MPMSTO = 1048576****SEGUE1\_MSWD = 4096****SEGUE1\_SDM = 4194304****SEGUE1\_WD = 524288**

**class** bossdata.bits.SEGUE1\_TARGET2

Bases: object

SEGUE-1 secondary target bits

**SEGUE1\_SCIENCE**

*int*

(1<<30) SEGUE-1 science target

**SPECTROPHOTO\_STD**

*int*

(1<<5) spectrophotometry standard (typically an F-star)

**SKY**

*int*

(1<<4) sky target

**REDDEN\_STD**

*int*

(1<<1) reddening standard star

**SEGUE1\_QA**

*int*

(1<<3) QA Duplicate Observations (unused)

**SEGUE1\_TEST**

*int*

(1<<31) SEGUE-1 test target

**REDDEN\_STD = 2**

**SEGUE1\_QA = 8**

**SEGUE1\_SCIENCE = 1073741824**

**SEGUE1\_TEST = 2147483648**

**SKY = 16**

**SPECTROPHOTO\_STD = 32**

**class** bossdata.bits.SEGUE2\_TARGET1

Bases: object

SEGUE-2 primary target bits

**SEGUE2\_MSTO**

*int*

(1<<0) Main-sequence turnoff

**SEGUE2\_CHECKED**

*int*

(1<<31) was a checked object

**SEGUE2\_REDKG**

*int*

(1<<1) Red K-giant stars

**SEGUE2\_PMKG***int*

(1&lt;&lt;3) K-giant star identified by proper motions

**SEGUE2\_BHB***int*

(1&lt;&lt;13) Blue horizontal branch star

**SEGUE2\_CWD***int*

(1&lt;&lt;17) Cool white dwarf

**SEGUE2\_HVS***int*

(1&lt;&lt;5) hyper velocity candidate

**SEGUE2\_LKG***int*

(1&lt;&lt;2) K-giant star identified by l-color

**SEGUE2\_MII***int*

(1&lt;&lt;7) M giant

**SEGUE2\_XDM***int*

(1&lt;&lt;6) extreme sdM star

**SEGUE2\_HHV***int*

(1&lt;&lt;8) High-velocity halo star candidate

**SEGUE2\_LM***int*

(1&lt;&lt;4) Low metallicity

**SEGUE2\_BHB = 8192****SEGUE2\_CHECKED = 2147483648****SEGUE2\_CWD = 131072****SEGUE2\_HHV = 256****SEGUE2\_HVS = 32****SEGUE2\_LKG = 4****SEGUE2\_LM = 16****SEGUE2\_MII = 128****SEGUE2\_MSTO = 1****SEGUE2\_PMKG = 8****SEGUE2\_REDKG = 2****SEGUE2\_XDM = 64**

```
class bossdata.bits.SEGUE2_TARGET2
    Bases: object

    SEGUE2 secondary target bits

    SEGUE2_CHECKED
        int

        (1<<31) was a checked object

    SEGUE2_REDDENING
        int

        (1<<1) reddening standard

    SEGUE2_SPECPHOTO
        int

        (1<<5) spectrophotometric star

    SEGUE2_CLUSTER
        int

        (1<<10) SEGUE-2 stellar cluster target

    QUALITY_HOLE
        int

        (1<<8) quality hole

    SKY
        int

        (1<<4) empty area for sky-subtraction

    BUNDLE_HOLE
        int

        (1<<7) bundle hole

    HOT_STD
        int

        (1<<9) hot standard

    GUIDE_STAR
        int

        (1<<6) guide star

    SEGUE2_STETSON
        int

        (1<<11) Stetson standard target

    SEGUE2_QA
        int

        (1<<3) repeat target across plates

    LIGHT_TRAP
        int

        (1<<0) light trap hole
```

**SEGUE2\_TEST***int*

(1&lt;&lt;2) test target

**BUNDLE\_HOLE = 128****GUIDE\_STAR = 64****HOT\_STD = 512****LIGHT\_TRAP = 1****QUALITY\_HOLE = 256****SEGUE2\_CHECKED = 2147483648****SEGUE2\_CLUSTER = 1024****SEGUE2\_QA = 8****SEGUE2\_REDDENING = 2****SEGUE2\_SPECPHOTO = 32****SEGUE2\_STETSON = 2048****SEGUE2\_TEST = 4****SKY = 16****class** bosssdata.bits.**SPECIAL\_TARGET1**

Bases: object

SDSS special program target bits

**ALLPSF\_NONSTELLAR***int*

(1&lt;&lt;32) i&lt;19.1 point sources off stellar locus

**U\_EXTRA***int*

(1&lt;&lt;23) extra u-band target

**FAINT\_QSO***int*

(1&lt;&lt;26) faint QSO in south

**ORION\_BD***int*

(1&lt;&lt;12) Brown dwarf in Orion

**BCG***int*

(1&lt;&lt;10) brightest cluster galaxy

**ORION\_MSTAR\_LATE***int*

(1&lt;&lt;14) Late-type M-star (M4-) in Orion

**FAINT\_LRG**

*int*

(1<<25) faint LRG in south

**COMMISSIONING\_STAR**

*int*

(1<<3) star in commissioning

**FSTAR**

*int*

(1<<5) F-stars

**DEEP\_GALAXY\_RED**

*int*

(1<<8) deep LRG

**ALLPSF\_STELLAR**

*int*

(1<<33) i<19.1 point sources on stellar locus

**PREBOSS\_QSO**

*int*

(1<<17) QSO for pre-BOSS observations

**LOWZ\_ANNIS**

*int*

(1<<1) low-redshift cluster galaxy

**VARIABLE\_LOPRI**

*int*

(1<<30) low priority variable

**TAURUS\_GALAXY**

*int*

(1<<36) galaxy on taurus or reddening plate

**PREMARVELS**

*int*

(1<<19) pre-MARVELS stellar target

**U\_EXTRA2**

*int*

(1<<24) extra u-band target

**BENT\_RADIO**

*int*

(1<<27) bent double-lobed radio source

**LOWZ\_GALAXY**

*int*

(1<<7) low-redshift galaxy

**TAURUS\_STAR**

*int*

(1<<35) star on taurus or reddening plate

**SOUTHERN\_COMPLETE**

*int*

(1<<21) completion in south of main targets

**PERSEUS**

*int*

(1<<37) galaxy in perseus-pisces

**MSTURNOFF**

*int*

(1<<11) main sequence turnoff

**LOWZ\_LOVEDAY**

*int*

(1<<38) low redshift galaxy selected by Loveday

**ALLPSF**

*int*

(1<<31) i<19.1 point sources

**HIPM**

*int*

(1<<34) high proper motion

**DISKSTAR**

*int*

(1<<4) thin/thick disk star

**SPECIAL\_FILLER**

*int*

(1<<15) filler from completeTile, check primtarget for details

**U\_PRIORITY**

*int*

(1<<22) priority u-band target

**APBIAS**

*int*

(1<<0) aperture bias target

**QSO\_M31**

*int*

(1<<2) QSO in M31

**STRAIGHT\_RADIO**

*int*

(1<<28) straight double-lobed radio source

**SOUTHERN\_EXTENDED**

*int*

(1<<20) simple extension of southern targets

**PREBOSS\_LRG**

*int*

(1<<18) QSO for pre-BOSS observations

**PHOTOZ\_GALAXY**

*int*

(1<<16) test galaxy for photometric redshifts

**HYADES\_MSTAR**

*int*

(1<<6) M-star in Hyades

**VARIABLE\_HIPRI**

*int*

(1<<29) high priority variable

**DEEP\_GALAXY\_RED\_II**

*int*

(1<<9) deep LRG

**ORION\_MSTAR\_EARLY**

*int*

(1<<13) Early-type M-star (M0-3) in Orion

**ALLPSF = 2147483648**

**ALLPSF\_NONSTELLAR = 4294967296**

**ALLPSF\_STELLAR = 8589934592**

**APBIAS = 1**

**BCG = 1024**

**BENT\_RADIO = 134217728**

**COMMISSIONING\_STAR = 8**

**DEEP\_GALAXY\_RED = 256**

**DEEP\_GALAXY\_RED\_II = 512**

**DISKSTAR = 16**

**FAINT\_LRG = 33554432**

**FAINT\_QSO = 67108864**

**FSTAR = 32**

**HIPM = 17179869184**

**HYADES\_MSTAR = 64**

**LOWZ\_ANNIS = 2**

**LOWZ\_GALAXY = 128**

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LOWZ_LOVEDAY = 274877906944
MSTURNOFF = 2048
ORION_BD = 4096
ORION_MSTAR_EARLY = 8192
ORION_MSTAR_LATE = 16384
PERSEUS = 137438953472
PHOTOZ_GALAXY = 65536
PREBOSS_LRG = 262144
PREBOSS_QSO = 131072
PREMARVELS = 524288
QSO_M31 = 4
SOUTHERN_COMPLETE = 2097152
SOUTHERN_EXTENDED = 1048576
SPECIAL_FILLER = 32768
STRAIGHT_RADIO = 268435456
TAURUS_GALAXY = 68719476736
TAURUS_STAR = 34359738368
U_EXTRA = 8388608
U_EXTRA2 = 16777216
U_PRIORITY = 4194304
VARIABLE_HIPRI = 536870912
VARIABLE_LOPRI = 1073741824

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```
class bossdata.bits.SPPIXMASK
```

Bases: object

Mask bits for an SDSS spectrum. 0-15 refer to each fiber, 16-31 refer to each pixel in a spectrum.

**BRIGHTSKY**

*int*

(1<<23) Sky level > flux + 10\*(flux\_err) AND sky > 1.25 \* median(sky,99 pixels)

**SMEARHIGHSN**

*int*

(1<<11) S/N sufficient for full smear fit

**MANYBADCOLUMNS**

*int*

(1<<4) More than 10% of pixels are bad columns

**BADARC**

*int*

(1<<3) Bad arc solution

**REDMONSTER**

*int*

(1<<28) Contiguous region of bad  $\chi^2$  in sky residuals (with threshold of relative  $\chi^2 > 3$ ).

**BADTRACE**

*int*

(1<<1) Bad trace from routine TRACE320CRUDE

**FULLREJECT**

*int*

(1<<18) Pixel fully rejected in extraction (INVVAR=0)

**NOPLUG**

*int*

(1<<0) Fiber not listed in plugmap file

**NEARWHOPPER**

*int*

(1<<8) Within 2 fibers of a whopping fiber (exclusive)

**MANYREJECTED**

*int*

(1<<5) More than 10% of pixels are rejected in extraction

**LARGESHIFT**

*int*

(1<<6) Large spatial shift between flat and object position

**NOSKY**

*int*

(1<<22) Sky level unknown at this wavelength (INVVAR=0)

**WHOPPER**

*int*

(1<<9) Whopping fiber, with a very bright source.

**BADFLUXFACTOR**

*int*

(1<<26) Low flux-calibration or flux-correction factor

**CROSSTALK**

*int*

(1<<21) Cross-talk significant

**SMEARIMAGE**

*int*

(1<<10) Smear available for red and blue cameras

**COMBINEREJ**

*int*

(1<<25) Rejected in combine B-spline

**BADSKYFIBER***int*

(1&lt;&lt;7) Sky fiber shows extreme residuals

**PARTIALREJECT***int*

(1&lt;&lt;19) Some pixels rejected in extraction

**LOWFLAT***int*

(1&lt;&lt;17) Flat field less than 0.5

**NODATA***int*

(1&lt;&lt;24) No data available in combine B-spline (INVVAR=0)

**BADSKYCHI***int*(1<<27) Relative  $\chi^2 > 3$  in sky residuals at this wavelength**SCATTEREDLIGHT***int*

(1&lt;&lt;20) Scattered light significant

**NEARBADPIXEL***int*

(1&lt;&lt;16) Bad pixel within 3 pixels of trace.

**BADFLAT***int*

(1&lt;&lt;2) Low counts in fiberflat

**SMEARMEDSN***int*

(1&lt;&lt;12) S/N only sufficient for scaled median fit

**BADARC = 8****BADFLAT = 4****BADFLUXFACTOR = 67108864****BADSKYCHI = 134217728****BADSKYFIBER = 128****BADTRACE = 2****BRIGHTSKY = 8388608****COMBINEREJ = 33554432****CROSSTALK = 2097152****FULLREJECT = 262144****LARGESHIFT = 64****LOWFLAT = 131072**

**MANYBADCOLUMNS = 16**  
**MANYREJECTED = 32**  
**NEARBADPIXEL = 65536**  
**NEARWHOPPER = 256**  
**NODATA = 16777216**  
**NOPLUG = 1**  
**NOSKY = 4194304**  
**PARTIALREJECT = 524288**  
**REDMONSTER = 268435456**  
**SCATTEREDLIGHT = 1048576**  
**SMEARHIGHSN = 2048**  
**SMEARIMAGE = 1024**  
**SMEARMEDSN = 4096**  
**WHOPPER = 512**

**class** `bosssdata.bits.TARGET`

Bases: `object`

Primary target mask bits in SDSS-I, -II (for `LEGACY_TARGET1` or `PRIMTARGET`).

**QSO\_FIRST\_SKIRT**

*int*

(1<<4) FIRST source with stellar colors at low Galactic latitude

**QSO\_CAP**

*int*

(1<<1) ugri-selected quasar at high Galactic latitude

**GALAXY\_RED**

*int*

(1<<5) Luminous Red Galaxy target (any criteria)

**STAR\_CARBON**

*int*

(1<<14) dwarf and giant carbon stars

**STAR\_WHITE\_DWARF**

*int*

(1<<19) hot white dwarfs

**GALAXY\_RED\_II**

*int*

(1<<26) Luminous Red Galaxy target (Cut II criteria)

**GALAXY\_BIG**

*int*

(1<<7) Low-surface brightness main sample galaxy ( $\mu_{50} > 23$  in r-band)

**GALAXY\_BRIGHT\_CORE***int*

(1<<8) Galaxy targets who fail all the surface brightness selection limits but have r-band fiber magnitudes brighter than 19

**SERENDIP\_MANUAL***int*

(1<<24) manual serendipity flag

**STAR\_SUB\_DWARF***int*

(1<<16) low-luminosity subdwarfs

**QSO\_FIRST\_CAP***int*

(1<<3) FIRST source with stellar colors at high Galactic latitude

**QSO\_SKIRT***int*

(1<<2) ugri-selected quasar at low Galactic latitude

**STAR\_PN***int*

(1<<28) central stars of planetary nebulae

**STAR\_BHB***int*

(1<<13) blue horizontal-branch stars

**QSO\_HIZ***int*

(1<<0) High-redshift (griz) QSO target

**STAR\_BROWN\_DWARF***int*

(1<<15) brown dwarfs (note this sample is tiled)

**SERENDIP\_FIRST***int*

(1<<21) coincident with FIRST sources but fainter than the equivalent in quasar target selection (also includes non-PSF sources)

**SOUTHERN\_SURVEY***int*

(1<<31) Set in primtarget if this is a special program target

**STAR\_RED\_DWARF***int*

(1<<18) red dwarfs

**STAR\_CATY\_VAR***int*

(1<<17) cataclysmic variables

**QSO\_REJECT**

*int*

(1<<29) Object in explicitly excluded region of color space, therefore not targeted at QSO

**GALAXY**

*int*

(1<<6) Main sample galaxy

**SERENDIP\_RED**

*int*

(1<<22) lying outside the stellar locus in color space

**SERENDIP\_DISTANT**

*int*

(1<<23) lying outside the stellar locus in color space

**QSO\_MAG\_OUTLIER**

*int*

(1<<25) Stellar outlier; too faint or too bright to be targeted

**ROSAT\_A**

*int*

(1<<9) ROSAT All-Sky Survey match, also a radio source

**ROSAT\_C**

*int*

(1<<11) ROSAT All-Sky Survey match, fall in a broad intermediate category that includes stars that are bright, moderately blue, or both

**ROSAT\_B**

*int*

(1<<10) ROSAT All-Sky Survey match, have SDSS colors of AGNs or quasars

**ROSAT\_E**

*int*

(1<<27) ROSAT All-Sky Survey match, but too faint or too bright for SDSS spectroscopy

**ROSAT\_D**

*int*

(1<<12) ROSAT All-Sky Survey match, are otherwise bright enough for SDSS spectroscopy

**SERENDIP\_BLUE**

*int*

(1<<20) lying outside the stellar locus in color space

**GALAXY = 64**

**GALAXY\_BIG = 128**

**GALAXY\_BRIGHT\_CORE = 256**

**GALAXY\_RED = 32**

**GALAXY\_RED\_II = 67108864**

**QSO\_CAP = 2**

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QSO_FIRST_CAP = 8
QSO_FIRST_SKIRT = 16
QSO_HIZ = 1
QSO_MAG_OUTLIER = 33554432
QSO_REJECT = 536870912
QSO_SKIRT = 4
ROSAT_A = 512
ROSAT_B = 1024
ROSAT_C = 2048
ROSAT_D = 4096
ROSAT_E = 134217728
SERENDIP_BLUE = 1048576
SERENDIP_DISTANT = 8388608
SERENDIP_FIRST = 2097152
SERENDIP_MANUAL = 16777216
SERENDIP_RED = 4194304
SOUTHERN_SURVEY = 2147483648
STAR_BHB = 8192
STAR_BROWN_DWARF = 32768
STAR_CARBON = 16384
STAR_CATY_VAR = 131072
STAR_PN = 268435456
STAR_RED_DWARF = 262144
STAR_SUB_DWARF = 65536
STAR_WHITE_DWARF = 524288

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class bosssdata.bits.TTARGET
```

Bases: object

Secondary target mask bits in SDSS-I, -II (for LEGACY\_TARGET2, SPECIAL\_TARGET2 or SECTARGET).

**HOT\_STD**

*int*

(1<<9) hot standard star

**BUNDLE\_HOLE**

*int*

(1<<7) fiber bundle hole

**SPECTROPHOTO\_STD**

*int*

(1<<5) spectrophotometry standard (typically an F-star)

**QUALITY\_HOLE**

*int*

(1<<8) hole drilled for plate shop quality measurements

**SKY**

*int*

(1<<4) sky target

**SOUTHERN\_SURVEY**

*int*

(1<<31) a segue or southern survey target

**QA**

*int*

(1<<3) quality assurance target

**GUIDE\_STAR**

*int*

(1<<6) guide star hole

**REDDEN\_STD**

*int*

(1<<1) reddening standard star

**TEST\_TARGET**

*int*

(1<<2) a test target

**LIGHT\_TRAP**

*int*

(1<<0) hole drilled for bright star, to avoid scattered light

**BUNDLE\_HOLE = 128**

**GUIDE\_STAR = 64**

**HOT\_STD = 512**

**LIGHT\_TRAP = 1**

**QA = 8**

**QUALITY\_HOLE = 256**

**REDDEN\_STD = 2**

**SKY = 16**

**SOUTHERN\_SURVEY = 2147483648**

**SPECTROPHOTO\_STD = 32**

**TEST\_TARGET = 4**

**class** bossdata.bits.**T\_EYEBALL**

Bases: object

Type eyeball flags from VAGC

**BAR***int*

(1&lt;&lt;18)

**PSF***int*

(1&lt;&lt;13)

**S0***int*

(1&lt;&lt;7)

**UNCLASSIFIABLE***int*

(1&lt;&lt;2)

**OUTFLOW***int*

(1&lt;&lt;27)

**DONE***int*

(1&lt;&lt;0)

**DUST\_LANE***int*

(1&lt;&lt;17)

**RING***int*

(1&lt;&lt;19)

**UNUSED\_0***int*

(1&lt;&lt;6)

**DISK***int*

(1&lt;&lt;4)

**TIDAL\_TAILS***int*

(1&lt;&lt;20)

**MERGER***int*

(1&lt;&lt;26)

**HII\_REGIONS***int*

(1&lt;&lt;15)

**NEAR\_NEIGHBORS**

*int*

(1<<25)

**IRREGULAR**

*int*

(1<<5)

**ASYMMETRIC**

*int*

(1<<14)

**OTHER**

*int*

(1<<1)

**DUST\_ASYMMETRY**

*int*

(1<<24)

**SPIRAL\_STRUCTURE**

*int*

(1<<16)

**PITCH\_4**

*int*

(1<<12) openly wound

**SHELLS**

*int*

(1<<21)

**PITCH\_0**

*int*

(1<<8) tightly wound

**PITCH\_1**

*int*

(1<<9)

**PITCH\_2**

*int*

(1<<10)

**PITCH\_3**

*int*

(1<<11)

**WARPED\_DISK**

*int*

(1<<23)

**ELLIPTICAL**

*int*

(1<3)

**BLUE\_CORE**

*int*

(1<22)

**ASYMMETRIC = 16384**

**BAR = 262144**

**BLUE\_CORE = 4194304**

**DISK = 16**

**DONE = 1**

**DUST\_ASYMMETRY = 16777216**

**DUST\_LANE = 131072**

**ELLIPTICAL = 8**

**HII\_REGIONS = 32768**

**IRREGULAR = 32**

**MERGER = 67108864**

**NEAR\_NEIGHBORS = 33554432**

**OTHER = 2**

**OUTFLOW = 134217728**

**PITCH\_0 = 256**

**PITCH\_1 = 512**

**PITCH\_2 = 1024**

**PITCH\_3 = 2048**

**PITCH\_4 = 4096**

**PSF = 8192**

**RING = 524288**

**S0 = 128**

**SHELLS = 2097152**

**SPIRAL\_STRUCTURE = 65536**

**TIDAL\_TAILS = 1048576**

**UNCLASSIFIABLE = 4**

**UNUSED\_0 = 64**

**WARPED\_DISK = 8388608**

**class** bosssdata.bits.VAGC\_SELECT

Bases: object

Selection flags for Main VAGC sample

**MAIN***int*

(1<<2) selected according to slightly adjusted Main sample criteria

**PLATEHOLE***int*

(1<<1) selected because near a hole on an SDSS plate

**TILED***int*

(1<<0) selected because near a tiled target

**MAIN = 4****PLATEHOLE = 2****TILED = 1****class** bosssdata.bits.**ZWARNING**

Bases: object

Warnings for SDSS spectra.

**SMALL\_DELTA\_CHI2***int*

(1<<2) chi-squared of best fit is too close to that of second best (<0.01 in reduced chi-squared)

**LITTLE\_COVERAGE***int*

(1<<1) too little wavelength coverage (WCOVERAGE < 0.18)

**NEGATIVE\_EMISSION***int*

(1<<6) a QSO line exhibits negative emission, triggered only in QSO spectra, if C\_IV, C\_III, Mg\_II, H\_beta, or H\_alpha has LINEAREA + 3 \* LINEAREA\_ERR < 0

**BAD\_TARGET***int*

(1<<8) catastrophically bad targeting data (e.g. ASTROMBAD in CALIB\_STATUS)

**NEGATIVE\_MODEL***int*

(1<<3) synthetic spectrum is negative (only set for stars and QSOs)

**SKY***int*

(1<<0) sky fiber

**Z\_FITLIMIT***int*

(1<<5) chi-squared minimum at edge of the redshift fitting range (Z\_ERR set to -1)

**MANY\_OUTLIERS***int*

(1<<4) fraction of points more than 5 sigma away from best model is too large (>0.05)

**NODATA***int*

(1<<9) No data for this fiber, e.g. because spectrograph was broken during this exposure (ivar=0 for all pixels)

**UNPLUGGED***int*

(1<<7) the fiber was unplugged, so no spectrum obtained

**BAD\_TARGET = 256****LITTLE\_COVERAGE = 2****MANY\_OUTLIERS = 16****NEGATIVE\_EMISSION = 64****NEGATIVE\_MODEL = 8****NODATA = 512****SKY = 1****SMALL\_DELTA\_CHI2 = 4****UNPLUGGED = 128****Z\_FITLIMIT = 32**

`bossdata.bits.bitmask_from_text(mask, text)`

Initialize a bitmask from text.

Builds an integer value from text containing bit names that should be set. The complement of `decode_bitmask()`. For example:

```
>>> COLORS = define_bitmask('COLORS', 'Primary colors', RED=0, BLUE=1, GREEN=4)
>>> '{0:b}'.format(bitmask_from_text(COLORS, 'GREEN|BLUE'))
'10010'
```

**Parameters**

- **mask** – A bitmask type, normally created with `create_bitmask()`, that defines the symbolic bit names that are allowed.
- **text** – A list of bit names separated by '|’.

**Returns** Integer with bits set for each bit name appearing in the text.

**Return type** `int`

**Raises** `ValueError` – invalid text specification.

`bossdata.bits.decode_bitmask(mask, value, strict=True)`

Decode a integer value into its symbolic bit names.

Use this function to convert a bitmask value into a list of symbolic bit names, for example:

```
>>> COLORS = define_bitmask('COLORS', 'Primary colors', RED=0, BLUE=1, GREEN=4)
>>> decode_bitmask(COLORS, COLORS.RED|COLORS.BLUE)
('RED', 'BLUE')
```

For pretty printing, try:

```
>>> print(''.join(decode_bitmask(COLORS, COLORS.RED | COLORS.BLUE)))
RED|BLUE
```

### Parameters

- **mask** – A bitmask type, normally created with `create_bitmask()`, that defines the symbolic bit names to use for the decoding.
- **value** (*int*) – The integral value to decode.
- **strict** (*bool*) – If set, then all bits set in value must be defined in the bitmask type definition.

**Returns** A tuple of symbolic bit names in order of increasing bit offset. If strict is False, then any bits without corresponding symbolic names will appear as ‘1<n’ for offset n.

**Return type** tuple

### Raises

- `AttributeError` – mask does not have the attributes necessary to define a bitmask.
- `ValueError` – value has a bit set that has no symbolic name defined and strict is True.

`bosssdata.bits.define_bitmask(mask_name, mask_description, **bits)`

Define a new type for a bitmask with specified symbolic bit names.

After defining a bitmask type, its bit names are accessible as class-level attributes of the returned type and can be used as integer values, for example:

```
>>> COLORS = define_bitmask('COLORS', 'Primary Colors', RED=0, BLUE=1, GREEN=4)
>>> COLORS.BLUE
2
>>> '{0:b}'.format(COLORS.RED | COLORS.GREEN)
'10001'
```

The `decode_bitmask()` function is useful for converting an integral value back to a list of symbolic bit names.

### Parameters

- **mask\_name** (*str*) – The type name for this mask. By convention, this name is upper case and matches the name assigned to this function’s return value, as in the examples above.
- **mask\_description** (*str*) – A description of this bit mask that will be available as the docstring of the new defined type.
- **bits** (*dict*) – A dictionary of name,definition pairs that define the mapping from symbolic bit names to bit offsets and optional comments. Although this argument can be passed as a dictionary, the dictionary is usually implicitly defined by the argument list, as in the examples above. By convention, bit names are all upper case. Each bit definition can either be specified as an integer offset  $\geq 0$  or else an (offset,description) tuple.

**Returns** A new type with the specified name that has class-level attributes for each named bit (see the examples above). The type also defines a reverse map that is normally accessed via `decode_bitmask()`.

**Return type** type

### Raises

- `TypeError` – missing name and/or description args.

- `ValueError` – bit definition is invalid or an offset is repeated.

`bossdata.bits.extract_sdss_bitmasks(filename='sdssMaskbits.par', indent='')`

Scan the parfile defining SDSS bitmasks and print code to define these types for `bossdata.bits`.

This function is intended to be run by hand with the output pasted into this module, to bootstrap or update the official SDSS bitmask definitions defined here. The generated code is printed directly to the standard output. This function should normally be run from the package top-level directory as:

```
python bossdata/bits.py > bitdefs.py
```

and will read `sdssMaskBits.par` from the same directory. The contents of `bitdefs.py` is then pasted directly into this file, replacing any previous pasted version.

#### Parameters

- **filename** (*str*) – Path of the parfile to read.
- **indent** (*str*) – Indentation to use in the generated output.

**Raises** `RuntimeError` – Parse error while reading the input file.

`bossdata.bits.summarize_bitmask_values(mask, values, strict=True)`

Summarize an array of bitmask values.

#### Parameters

- **mask** – A bitmask type, normally created with `create_bitmask()`, that defines the symbolic bit names to summarize.
- **values** (*numpy.ndarray*) – An array of values that will be decoded and summarized.

**Returns** A dictionary with bit names as keys and the number of values in which each bit is set as values. Any bit that is never set will not appear in the list of keys.

**Return type** `dict`

## 9.1.6 bossdata.plate module

Access BOSS plate data products.

**class** `bossdata.plate.FrameFile(path, index=None, calibrated=None)`

Bases: `object`

A BOSS frame file containing a single exposure of one spectrograph (half plate).

This class supports both types of frame data files: the uncalibrated `spFrame` and the calibrated `spCFrame`. Use `get_valid_data()` to access this plate's data and the `plug_map` attribute to access this plate's `plug map`.

BOSS spectrographs read out 500 fibers each. SDSS-I/II spectrographs (plate < 3510) read out 320 fibers each. The `plate`, `camera` and `exposure_id` attributes provide the basic metadata for this exposure. The complete HDU0 header is available as the `header` attribute.

This class is only intended for reading the BOSS frame file format, so generic operations on spectroscopic data (redshifting, resampling, etc) are intentionally not included here, but are instead provided in the `speclite` package.

#### Parameters

- **path** (*str*) – Local path of the frame FITS file to use. This should normally be obtained via `Plan.get_exposure_name()` and can be automatically mirrored via `bossdata.remote.Manager.get()` or using the `bossfetch` script. The file is opened in read-only mode so you do not need write privileges.

- **index** (*int*) – Identifies if this is the first (1) or second (2) spectrograph, which determines whether it has spectra for fibers 1-500 (1-320) or 501-1000 (321-640). You should normally obtain this value using `Plan.get_spectrograph_index()`. As of v0.2.7, this argument is optional and will be inferred from the file header when not provided, or checked against the file header when provided.
- **calibrated** (*bool*) – Identifies whether this is a calibrated (spCFrame) or un-calibrated (spFrame) frame file. As of v0.2.7, this argument is optional and will be inferred from the file header when not provided, or checked against the file header when provided.

**get\_fiber\_offsets** (*fiber*)

Convert fiber numbers to array offsets.

**Parameters** **fibers** (*numpy.ndarray*) – Numpy array of fiber numbers 1-1000 (or 1-640 for plate < 3510). All fibers must be in the appropriate range 1-500 (1-320) or 501-1000 (321-640) for this frame's spectrograph. Fibers do not need to be sorted and repetitions are ok.

**Returns** Numpy array of offsets 0-499 (or 0-319 for plate < 3510).

**Return type** *numpy.ndarray*

**Raises** *ValueError* – Fiber number is out of the valid range for this spectrograph.

**get\_pixel\_masks** (*fibers*)

Get the pixel masks for specified fibers.

The entire mask is returned for each fiber, including any pixels with zero inverse variance.

**Parameters** **fibers** (*numpy.ndarray*) – Numpy array of fiber numbers 1-1000 (or 1-640 for plate < 3510). All fibers must be in the appropriate range 1-500 (1-320) or 501-1000 (321-640) for this frame's spectrograph. Fibers do not need to be sorted and repetitions are ok.

**Returns** Integer numpy array of shape (nfibers,npixels) where (i,j) encodes the mask bits defined in `bosssdata.bits.SPPIXMASK` (see also [http://www.sdss3.org/dr10/algorithms/bitmask\\_sppixmask.php](http://www.sdss3.org/dr10/algorithms/bitmask_sppixmask.php)) for pixel-j of the fiber with index fibers[i].

**Return type** *numpy.ndarray*

**get\_valid\_data** (*fibers, pixel\_quality\_mask=None, include\_wdisp=False, include\_sky=False, use\_ivar=False, use\_loglam=False*)

Get the valid for the specified fibers.

**Parameters**

- **fibers** (*numpy.ndarray*) – Numpy array of fiber numbers 1-1000 (or 1-640 for plate < 3510). All fibers must be in the appropriate range 1-500 (1-320) or 501-1000 (321-640) for this frame's spectrograph. Fibers do not need to be sorted and repetitions are ok.
- **pixel\_quality\_mask** (*int*) – An integer value interpreted as a bit pattern using the bits defined in `bosssdata.bits.SPPIXMASK` (see also [http://www.sdss3.org/dr10/algorithms/bitmask\\_sppixmask.php](http://www.sdss3.org/dr10/algorithms/bitmask_sppixmask.php)). Any bits set in this mask are considered harmless and the corresponding spectrum pixels are assumed to contain valid data.
- **include\_wdisp** – Include a wavelength dispersion column in the returned data.
- **include\_sky** – Include a sky flux column in the returned data.
- **use\_ivar** – Replace `dflux` with `ivar` (inverse variance) in the returned data.
- **use\_loglam** – Replace `wavelength` with `loglam(log10(wavelength))` in the returned data.

**Returns** Masked array of shape (nfibers,npixels). Pixels with no valid data are included but masked. The record for each pixel has at least the following named fields: wavelength in Angstroms, flux and dflux in  $1e-17$  ergs/s/cm<sup>2</sup>/Angstrom. Wavelength values are strictly increasing and dflux is calculated as  $ivar^{*-0.5}$  for pixels with valid data. Optional fields are wdisp in constant-log10-lambda pixels and sky in  $1e-17$  ergs/s/cm<sup>2</sup>/Angstrom. The wavelength (or loglam) field is never masked and all other fields are masked when ivar is zero or a pipeline flag is set (and not allowed by `pixel_quality_mask`).

**Return type** `numpy.ma.MaskedArray`

**class** `bossdata.plate.Plan` (*path*)

Bases: `object`

The plan file for configuring the BOSS pipeline to combine exposures of a single plate.

Combined `plan files` are small text files that list the per-spectrograph (b1,b2,r1,r2) exposures used as input to a single coadd. Use the `exposure_table` attribute to access this information. Note that `bossdata.spec.SpecFile` has a similar `exposures` attribute which only includes exposures actually used in the final co-add, so is generally a subset of the planned exposures.

**Parameters** *path* (*str*) – The local path to a plan file.

**get\_exposure\_name** (*sequence\_number*, *band*, *fiber*, *ftype*=`'spCFrame'`)

Get the file name of a single science exposure data product.

Use the exposure name to locate FITS data files associated with individual exposures. The supported file types are: `spCFrame`, `spFrame`, `spFluxcalib` and `spFluxcorr`. Note that this method returns `None` when the requested exposure is not present in the plan, so the return value should always be checked.

**Parameters**

- **sequence\_number** (*int*) – Science exposure sequence number, counting from zero. Must be less than our `num_science_exposures` attribute.
- **fiber** (*int*) – Fiber number to identify which spectrograph to use, which must be in the range 1-1000 (or 1-640 for plate < 3510).
- **band** (*str*) – Must be 'blue' or 'red'.
- **ftype** (*str*) – Type of exposure file whose name to return. Must be one of `spCFrame`, `spFrame`, `spFluxcalib`, `spFluxcorr`. An `spCFrame` is assumed to be uncompressed, and all other files are assumed to be compressed.

**Returns** Exposure name of the form `[ftype]-[cc]-[eeeeeeee].[ext]` where `[cc]` identifies the spectrograph (one of b1,r1,b2,r2) and `[eeeeeeee]` is the zero-padded exposure number. The extension `[ext]` is "fits" for `spCFrame` files and "fits.gz" for all other file types. Returns `None` if the name is unknown for this band and fiber combination.

**Return type** `str`

**Raises** `ValueError` – one of the inputs is invalid.

**get\_spectrograph\_index** (*fiber*)

Get the spectrograph index 1,2 for the specified fiber.

**Parameters** *fiber* (*int*) – Fiber number to identify which spectrograph to use, which must be in the range 1-1000 (or 1-640 for plate < 3510).

**Returns** Value of 1 if fiber is read out by the first spectrograph 1-500 (1-320), or else 2 for the second spectrograph.

**Return type** `int`

**Raises** `ValueError` – fiber is outside the allowed range 1-1000 (1-640) for this plate.

**class** `bosssdata.plate.PlateFile` (*path*)

Bases: `object`

A BOSS plate file containing combined exposures for a whole plate.

This class provides an interface to the `spPlate` data product, containing all co-added spectra for a single observation. To instead read individual co-added spectra, use `bosssdata.spec.SpecFile`. To access individual exposures of a half-plate use `FrameFile`.

Use `get_valid_data()` to access this plate's data, or the `exposures` attribute for a list of exposures used in the coadd. The `num_exposures` attribute gives the number of science exposures used for this target's co-added spectrum (counting a blue+red pair as one exposure). The `plug_map` attribute records this plate's `plug map`.

This class is only intended for reading the BOSS plate file format, so generic operations on spectroscopic data (redshifting, resampling, etc) are intentionally not included here, but are instead provided in the `speclite` package.

**Parameters** `path` (*str*) – Local path of the plate FITS file to use. This should normally be obtained via `bosssdata.path.Finder.get_plate_spec_path()` and can be automatically mirrored via `bosssdata.remote.Manager.get()` or using the `bosssfetch` script. The file is opened in read-only mode so you do not need write privileges.

**get\_fiber\_offsets** (*fiber*)

Convert fiber numbers to array offsets.

**Parameters** `fibers` (*numpy.ndarray*) – Numpy array of fiber numbers 1-1000 (or 1-640 for plate < 3510). Fibers do not need to be sorted and repetitions are ok.

**Returns** Numpy array of offsets 0-999.

**Return type** `numpy.ndarray`

**Raises** `ValueError` – Fiber number is out of the valid range for this plate.

**get\_pixel\_masks** (*fibers*)

Get the pixel masks for specified fibers.

The entire mask is returned for each fiber, including any pixels with zero inverse variance. Returns the 'and\_mask' and ignores the 'or\_mask'.

**Parameters** `fibers` (*numpy.ndarray*) – Numpy array of fiber numbers 1-1000 (or 1-640 for plate < 3510). Fibers do not need to be sorted and repetitions are ok.

**Returns** Integer numpy array of shape (nfibers,npixels) where (i,j) encodes the mask bits defined in `bosssdata.bits.SPPIXMASK` (see also [http://www.sdss3.org/dr10/algorithms/bitmask\\_sppixmask.php](http://www.sdss3.org/dr10/algorithms/bitmask_sppixmask.php)) for pixel-j of the fiber with index fibers[i].

**Return type** `numpy.ndarray`

**get\_valid\_data** (*fibers*, *pixel\_quality\_mask=None*, *include\_wdisp=False*, *include\_sky=False*, *use\_ivar=False*, *use\_loglam=False*, *fiducial\_grid=False*)

Get the valid for the specified fibers.

**Parameters**

- **fibers** (*numpy.ndarray*) – Numpy array of fiber numbers 1-1000 (or 1-640 for plate < 3510). Fibers do not need to be sorted and repetitions are ok.
- **pixel\_quality\_mask** (*int*) – An integer value interpreted as a bit pattern using the bits defined in `bosssdata.bits.SPPIXMASK` (see also [http://www.sdss3.org/dr10/algorithms/bitmask\\_sppixmask.php](http://www.sdss3.org/dr10/algorithms/bitmask_sppixmask.php)). Any bits set in this mask are considered harmless and the corresponding spectrum pixels are assumed to

contain valid data. This mask is applied to the AND of the masks for each individual exposure. No mask is applied if this value is None.

- **include\_wdisp** – Include a wavelength dispersion column in the returned data.
- **include\_sky** – Include a sky flux column in the returned data.
- **use\_ivar** – Replace dflux with ivar (inverse variance) in the returned data.
- **use\_loglam** – Replace wavelength with loglam ( $\log_{10}(\text{wavelength})$ ) in the returned data.
- **fiducial\_grid** – Return co-added data using the *fiducial wavelength grid*. If False, the returned array uses the native grid of the SpecFile, which generally trims pixels on both ends that have zero inverse variance. Set this value True to ensure that all co-added spectra use aligned wavelength grids when this matters.

**Returns** Masked array of shape (nfibers,npixels). Pixels with no valid data are included but masked. The record for each pixel has at least the following named fields: wavelength in Angstroms (or loglam), flux and dflux in  $1e-17$  ergs/s/cm<sup>2</sup>/Angstrom (or flux and ivar). Wavelength values are strictly increasing and dflux is calculated as  $\text{ivar}^{*-0.5}$  for pixels with valid data. Optional fields are wdisp in constant-log10-lambda pixels and sky in  $1e-17$  ergs/s/cm<sup>2</sup>/Angstrom. The wavelength (or loglam) field is never masked and all other fields are masked when ivar is zero or a pipeline flag is set (and not allowed by pixel\_quality\_mask).

**Return type** numpy.ma.MaskedArray

**class** bossdata.plate.**TraceSet** (hdu)

Bases: object

A set of interpolating functions along each trace of a half plate.

TraceSets use the terminology that x is the pixel coordinate along the nominal wavelength direction and y is some quantity to be interpolated as a function of x. This implementation is based on the original SDSS IDL code: <https://trac.sdss3.org/browser/repo/idlutils/trunk/pro/trace/traceset2xy.pro>

Note that red and blue CCDs are handled differently, as described [here](#):

The plan is to switch from 1-phase to 2-phase readout on the red CCDs in summer 2010. This will effectively make the pixels more uniform, and the flat-fields much better.

A problem introduced will be that the central two rows will each be taller by 1/6 pix. That will flat-field, but there will be a discontinuity of 1/3 pix across this point. Technically, the PSF will also be different for those pixels, and the resulting resolution function.

**Parameters** hdu – fitsio HDU containing the trace set data as a binary table.

**Raises** ValueError – Unable to initialize a trace set with this HDU.

**get\_y** (xpos=None, ignore\_jump=False)

Evaluate the interpolating function for each trace.

**Parameters**

- **xpos** (numpy.ndarray) – Numpy array of shape (ntrace,nx) with x-pixel coordinates along each trace where y(x) should be evaluated. For BOSS, ntrace = 500 and for SDSS-I/II (plate < 3510), ntrace = 320. The value of ntrace is available as *self.ntrace*. If this argument

is not set, `self.default_xpos` will be used, which consists of `num_fibers` identical traces with x-pixel coordinates at each integer pixel value covering the full allowed range.

- **ignore\_jump** (*bool*) – Include a jump when this is set and this is a 2-phase readout. There is probably no good reason to set this False, but it is included for compatibility with the original IDL code.

**Returns** Numpy array `y` with shape `(ntrace,nx)` that matches the input `xpos` or else the default `self.default_xpos`. `ypos[[i,x]]` gives the value of the interpolated `y(x)` with `x` equal to `xpos[[i,x]]`.

**Return type** `numpy.ndarray`

`bosssdata.plate.get_num_fibers(plate)`

Return the number of fiber holes for a given plate number.

Plate numbers 3510 or larger are (e)BOSS plates with 1000 fibers. Smaller plate numbers are assumed to be SDSS-I/II with 640 fibers.

**Parameters** `plate` (*int*) – Plate number.

**Returns** The value 640 or 1000.

**Return type** `int`

## 9.1.7 bosssdata.plot module

Support for plotting BOSS spectroscopic data in different formats.

These functions use the optional matplotlib dependency so will raise an `ImportError` if this is not installed. Functions do not create figures or call `matplotlib.pyplot.show()` before exiting, to provide the maximum flexibility. To display a single plot, you can use the following wrapper:

```
plt.figure(figsize=(11,8.5))
# ... call one of the plot functions ...
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```

See the [Examples](#) for details.

`bosssdata.plot.by_fiber(data, mask=None, subsets={}, percentile_cut=0.0, plot_label=None, data_label=None, default_options={'marker': 'o', 'lw': 0.5, 's': 60})`

Plot per-fiber data values in fiber order.

This is a useful plot to show any dependence of the data value on a fiber's position on the CCD and slithead. Both spectrographs are superimposed on the same plot. The points for each fiber are color-coded according to their associated data value using the same scheme as `focal_plane()`.

### Parameters

- **data** (*numpy.ndarray*) – A 1D array of data values to plot, where the array index matches the fiber number and all fibers are included.
- **mask** (*numpy.ndarray*) – An optional 1D array of boolean values with True values used to mask out values in the data array. Masked values will not be plotted and will not be used to calculate the plot data range.
- **subsets** (*dict*) – A dictionary of fiber subsets that will be separately identified in the plot. Each dictionary must define values for two keys: 'options' and 'fibers'. The options are a dictionary of arguments passed to `matplotlib.pyplot.scatter()` and used to style the subset. The fibers value is used to index the data array to pick out the subset's data values.

- **percentile\_cut** (*float*) – Data will be clipped to this percentile value on both sides of its distribution. Use a value of zero (the default) for no clipping.
- **plot\_label** (*str*) – A label identifying this plot that will be displayed in the top-left corner.
- **data\_label** (*str*) – A label identifying the data values that will be used to label the y axis.
- **default\_options** (*dict*) – A dictionary of options passed to `matplotlib.pyplot.scatter()` that is used to draw data points. Options in a subset dictionary override any values here. Fibers not in any subset are drawn using these default options.

```
bosssdata.plot.focal_plane(xfocal, yfocal, data, mask=None, subsets={}, background=None,
                           numbered=None, percentile_cut=0.0, mesh_refinement=0,
                           plot_label=None, data_label=None, show_background_mesh=False,
                           number_color='red', default_options={'marker': 'o', 'lw': 0.5, 's':
                           60}, rmax=350.0)
```

Plot per-fiber data values using focal-plane positions.

This is a useful plot to show any dependence of the data value on a fiber's position in the focal plane. The points for each fiber are color-coded according to their associated data value using the same scheme as `by_fiber()`.

#### Parameters

- **xfocal** (*numpy.ndarray*) – A 1D array of x focal-plane positions, where the array index matches the fiber number and all fibers are included.
- **yfocal** (*numpy.ndarray*) – A 1D array of y focal-plane positions, where the array index matches the fiber number and all fibers are included.
- **data** (*numpy.ndarray*) – A 1D array of data values to plot, where the array index matches the fiber number and all fibers are included.
- **mask** (*numpy.ndarray*) – An optional 1D array of boolean values with True values used to mask out values in the data array. Masked values will not be plotted and will not be used to calculate the plot data range.
- **subsets** (*dict*) – A dictionary of fiber subsets that will be separately identified in the plot. Each dictionary must define values for two keys: 'options' and 'fibers'. The options are a dictionary of arguments passed to `matplotlib.pyplot.scatter()` and used to style the subset. The fibers value is used to index the data array to pick out the subset's data values.
- **background** (*numpy.ndarray*) – An optional subset of fibers whose data values are used to fill the background using interpolation. The resulting background fill will only cover the convex hull of the subset, where interpolation is possible.
- **numbered** (*numpy.ndarray*) – An optional subset of fibers that will be numbered in the generated plot.
- **percentile\_cut** (*float*) – Data will be clipped to this percentile value on both sides of its distribution. Use a value of zero (the default) for no clipping.
- **mesh\_refinement** (*int*) – Smoothness of background fill interpolation to use. A value of zero (the default) corresponds to linear interpolation.
- **plot\_label** (*str*) – A label identifying this plot that will be displayed in the top-left corner.
- **data\_label** (*str*) – A label identifying the data values that will be used to label the y axis.

- **show\_background\_mesh** (*bool*) – Draw the triangulation used for the background fill when this is True.
- **number\_color** (*str*) – Matplotlib color used to draw fiber numbers.
- **default\_options** (*dict*) – A dictionary of options passed to `matplotlib.pyplot.scatter()` that is used to draw data points. Options in a subset dictionary override any values here. Fibers not in any subset are drawn using these default options.

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